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DR. WU EXPLAINS.

THE POLICY TOWARDS THE SOVIET.

WARNING TO THE "WHITES."

In further explanation of the action of the Nationalist Government in closing the Soviet Consulates and quasi-official Russian Agencies within the Nationalist territory, Dr. C. C. Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, stated on Monday that this action of the Nationalist Government was taken most reluctantly and solely for reasons of self-defence after having considered all other possible means of checking the pernicious Communist activities within China's revolutionary movement. "In our effort to suppress such subversive and dangerous activities," Dr. Wu said, "we are in no way hostile towards the Russian people, for whom we always have the warmest sympathy. Our action must not be construed as to constitute a severance of political or commercial relations. China has an extensive trade with Russia and it is the wish of the Nationalist Government that some method should be devised whereby this trade can continue without entailing such complications as had been in the past."

Purely Defensive Attitude.

"We realize further," said Dr. Wu, "that for geographical and other reasons it behoves the two nations to maintain friendly relations, and our present anxiety is to handle this unfortunate but purely defensive action in such a way that it will leave the minimum of ill-feeling on both sides, and that it will not constitute any formidable impediment when the Chinese revolution shall have fulfilled its mission and created a stable state, in the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries."

Questioned as to the truth of the reports from Hankow and Canton regarding alleged untoward treatment of Russians incidental to the suppression of recent Communist activities, Dr. Wu said that he had received no confirmation of the occurrence of such incidents. The only despatch which Dr. Wu received from Hankow was one from the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Hupeh, requesting protection for the Soviet Consul-General and his party, numbering some 16 persons, when they shall pass through Shanghai en route to Russia.

Regarding the reports from Canton, Dr. Wu explained that the Cantonese people were naturally deeply affected by the spectacle of their homes burned and their relatives murdered under the direction of Russians. "It must be realized that in this time of turmoil and feeling, Russians caught red-handed in such activities cannot but be summarily dealt with," said Dr. Wu.

The Incidents in Canton.

Dr. Wu explained further that some few weeks ago the so-called "government at Canton," under Communist or semi-Communist influence, had temporarily passed from the authority of the Nationalist Government at Nanjing, hence no official reports have been received regarding the manner of suppressing the Red uprising or the handling of Soviet citizens there. Dr. Wu, however, hoped that such incidents as reported in foreign despatches from Canton and Hankow have not actually taken place.

Dr. Wu then emphasized the fact that all Soviet officials and Soviet Russian citizens will be accorded full protection, and courteous treatment in their evacuation, in strict observance of diplomatic amity. Likewise, Russians who choose to reside in the Nationalist territory will be given full protection and proper safeguards. Dr. Wu announced that the Nationalist Government is now drafting regulations governing the registration of all Russians, regardless of their political faith, who desire to remain in Nationalist territory.

Questioned regarding the attitude of the Nationalist Government toward the factional clashes between the Red and White Russians in China, Dr. Wu said that the Nationalist Government will not tolerate any such activity of the White Russians who propose to make Chinese territory a base for operations against the Soviet Government.—Kuo Min.

NATIONALIST BREAK WITH SOVIET.

MADAME SUN YAT-SEN DISAGREES.

CHIANG'S CURT RETORT.

Following is the text of a cable received in Shanghai last Sunday from Mme. Sun Yat-sen, from Moscow:

"Chiang Kai-shek, Shanghai—Just on point of returning home I learned of your proposal to break off relations with Soviet Russia and demand withdrawal of Soviet Consulates. This act, if carried out, will be suicidal, isolating China and retarding her progress, for which history will hold you to account. If you possess a particle of your leader's vision or remember that close co-operation with Soviet Russia was his last will, then stop headlong plunging over precipice dragging with you fate of your country. I am remaining here as moral protest against your decision, unless last moment step is taken to avert break. I believe that your alleged grievances could be settled by agreement with Soviet Russia."

Chiang's Reply.

Chiang Kai-shek's reply, sent the same evening, follows:

"Your telegram dated to-day respectfully received, excepting which neither I nor the rest of your family have received single response to our many telegrams and letters, showing evidently your correspondence was tampered with. For taking this step of breaking off relations with Soviet Russia, whose agents have only recently made holocaust of Canton, we accept full responsibility, but beg you to defer judgment until you arrive here and view situation for yourself. History, I am confident, will record that it was Soviet Russia herself that made a mockery of co-operation by persistently subverting the principles and policies laid down by our revered leader. General opinion here is that, as a loyal Kuomintang member, your telegram and further stay in Russia could not be of your own free will, and you could do far more for the party if you will present your views in person without duress. Eagerly awaiting your early return—Chiang Kai-shek."

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE.

QUESTION OF CHEAPER RATES.

London, Dec. 22. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, regarding trans-Atlantic wireless telephone service, Lord Wolmer, Assistant Postmaster General, said that the revenue of the service covered working costs but, not yet depreciation and amortisation.

Asked whether a reduction of

the present rate of 25 per minute

would not result in more traffic,

Lord Wolmer replied that the traffic was steadily growing and that the Postmaster General, as at present advised, was not prepared to reduce the rate. He hoped that as business grew more and more, realised the great advantages which were to be obtained from using the service they would realise how extremely cheap it was.

Answering a further question whether the Postmaster General would consider a reduction of the traffic at certain hours of the day, Lord Wolmer said the Postmaster General had this and other suggestions before him. These matters raised not only in this country but also in America questions of agreement between the two countries. As soon as he was so advised he would vary the rates as he thought fit.—British Wireless.

A FORCED LANDING.

THE "RED ROSE" DELAYED.

Rangoon, Dec. 22. "The Red Rose" was forced to land near Monkey Point with a broken piston. The machine was not damaged. The repairs are expected to take two or three days. The fliers were not injured.—Reuters.

CHINESE SOVIET RULE.

Ghastly Conditions Near Bias Bay.

Wholesale Slaughter and Violent Destruction.

A TRAGIC EXPERIMENT.

Terrible details of Communistic rule in the Hai-fung and Luk-fung districts of Kwangtung (not far from Bias Bay), where the burnt over a thousand shops in Sung districts of Kwangtung (not far from Bias Bay), where the burnt over a thousand shops in Luk-fung, from the House of Commons to take a just measure of its significance. Therefore the bishops have adjourned till January 11th, to have further time for thought and prayer.

"We hope to submit considered proposals to the Church Assembly and Convocation in February but some word of counsel and reassurance must immediately be spoken. We believe that the recent decision of the House of Commons was influenced by avoidable misunderstandings as regards the character of the proposals and we cannot therefore take the responsibility of accepting that vote as final.

"The House of Bishops accordingly resolved to reintroduce the measure to the Church Assembly as soon as possible with only such changes as may tend to remove misapprehensions and make clearer and more explicit its intentions and limitations. We ask that until the deposited Book is fully authorised by the Church no-one will avail himself of its provisions so as to make changes in the accustomed Order of Services, and we ask any clergy who have adopted the usages which it would forbid to discontinue them for the sake of the peace and unity of the Church."—Reuters.

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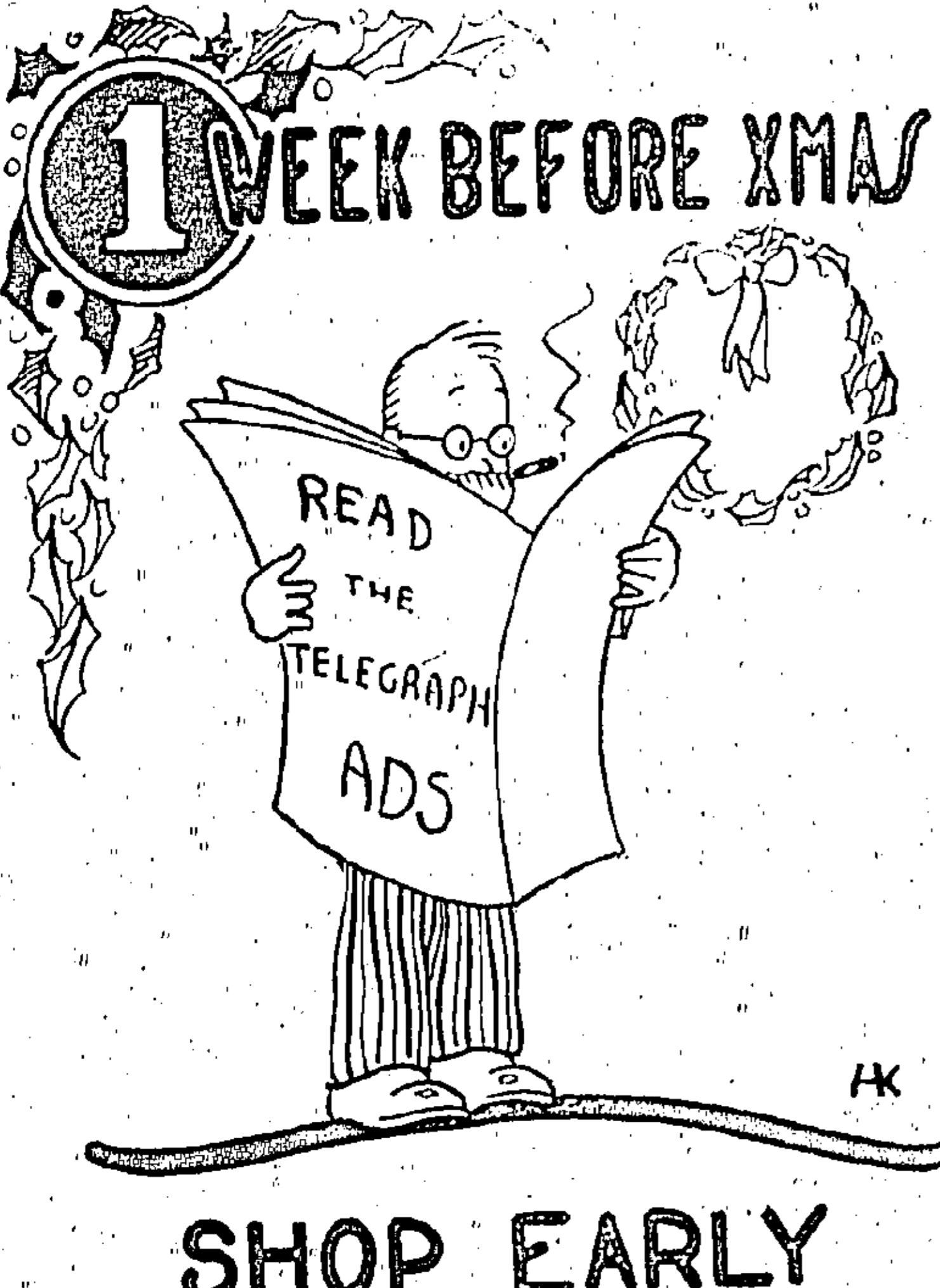
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FATAL MISHAP.**INQUIRY INTO MOTOR ACCIDENT.**

The inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Leading Aircraftman French, who was killed on the night of December 10, was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. H. S. Loseby yesterday appeared on behalf of the contractor in charge of the repairs which were being carried out on Prince Edward Road, where the accident occurred.

Sub-Inspector Phillips, giving evidence, said that, in consequence of a report being made at the Kowloon City Police Station by Mr. D. S. Pethick, he went to the scene of the accident after first telephoning for a motor ambulance and notifying the Royal Air Force of the tragedy.

Witness went on to speak of discovering the body of the deceased on the roadway. The body was then cold. On the arrival of the ambulance the deceased was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where Mr. Pethick and witness also went later.

By the time, witness reached the hospital the body of the deceased had already been sent to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Driver's Condition.

Speaking of the condition of Mr. Pethick when he reported at the Police Station, witness said that he appeared to be dazed. He had abrasions on his left leg and his trousers were torn. He was covered with red earth. He was not drunk, added witness.

Continuing, Sub-Inspector Phillips said that the body was lying about 50 or 60 yards from where the cycle struck the earth, while the machine was about 20 or 30 yards further along the road.

Witness later went to the Mortuary where he searched the body, finding several personal articles in the pockets of the deceased.

Flying Officer Fowler: Why was the body not searched before it was handed over to a Chinese in the Mortuary?

Witness: The body was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and I had no opportunity of searching it. The hospital authorities sent it to the Mortuary.

In reply to the Coroner witness said that there were no signs of Mr. Pethick having had any drink.

Police Arrive on Scene.

The next witness called was Sergeant Sherry who was the first Police witness to arrive on the scene. He said that he was at the Mongkok Police Station when Mr. Pethick made his first report to the police. Witness gave instructions for the Inspector in charge to be informed, while he himself went to the medicine chest for some bandages, but finding the chest locked he borrowed some handkerchiefs from the picket he was with and went to the scene of the accident.

After examining the deceased witness found that life was already extinct and he instructed Mr. Pethick to proceed to Kowloon City Police Station to telephone for an ambulance.

The deceased was taken to the Kowloon Hospital where the nurse carried out an examination and pronounced life to be extinct. The body was later removed to the Kowloon Mortuary, where witness saw a gold ring on one of deceased's fingers, but owing to swelling witness was unable to remove it.

Damaged Lamp Found.

Proceeding, witness said that while waiting for Sub-Inspector Phillips on the scene of the fatality, he found a lamp, similar to those placed on road obstructions, between the obstacle and the cycle. The lamp appeared to have been run over by the wheel of the cycle.

Asked if there were any other lamps on the obstacle, witness said that he did not notice any, al-

UNDERWRITERS CO.**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.**

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, an application was made by the China Underwriters Ltd., St. George's Building, for confirmation of a special resolution regarding the company's Memorandum of Association. Mr. H. C. Sheldon, Jr., and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, both represented the company.

Mr. Sheldon explained that the application was for the court's confirmation to an alteration of the company's objects, proposed to be effected by a special resolution, or alternatively such other order as the court should think just.

The special resolution was duly passed and confirmed at extraordinary general meetings of the company held on November 21 and December 9 this year. The resolution was "That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the chairman of this meeting."

The alterations were required in order to enable the company to carry on its business more economically and more efficiently.

The application was granted.

though there were no lighted lamps on the obstruction.

In reply to the foreman of the jury witness said that there was no medical officer at the hospital. The body was sent to the Mortuary without any examination by the doctor.

A coolie employed as watchman at the parts of Prince Edward Road which were under repair said that his duty extended from 6 p.m. to midnight. He was engaged by the Yee Lee Contractors to see that the boards at the works were not stolen. Repairs were being carried out at that part of the road near Kowloon Tsai as well as at the place where the accident occurred. There was only one watchman to patrol the whole area.

It was also the duty of witness to see that the lights were burning. They were already alight when witness went on duty.

Lamps Inspected.

His Worship: Where did you spend most of your time? In a matchstick or sitting down?

Witness: I was walking about and standing around all the time. I had not time to sit down.

How many times did you visit the lamps?—Five or six times.

Continuing, witness said that the lights burned brightly until on one occasion when he visited the obstacle where the accident happened. One of the lights was missing. The other was still alight. The missing lamp was replaced and witness then proceeded to Kowloon Tsai to inspect that part of the works, when he was relieved.

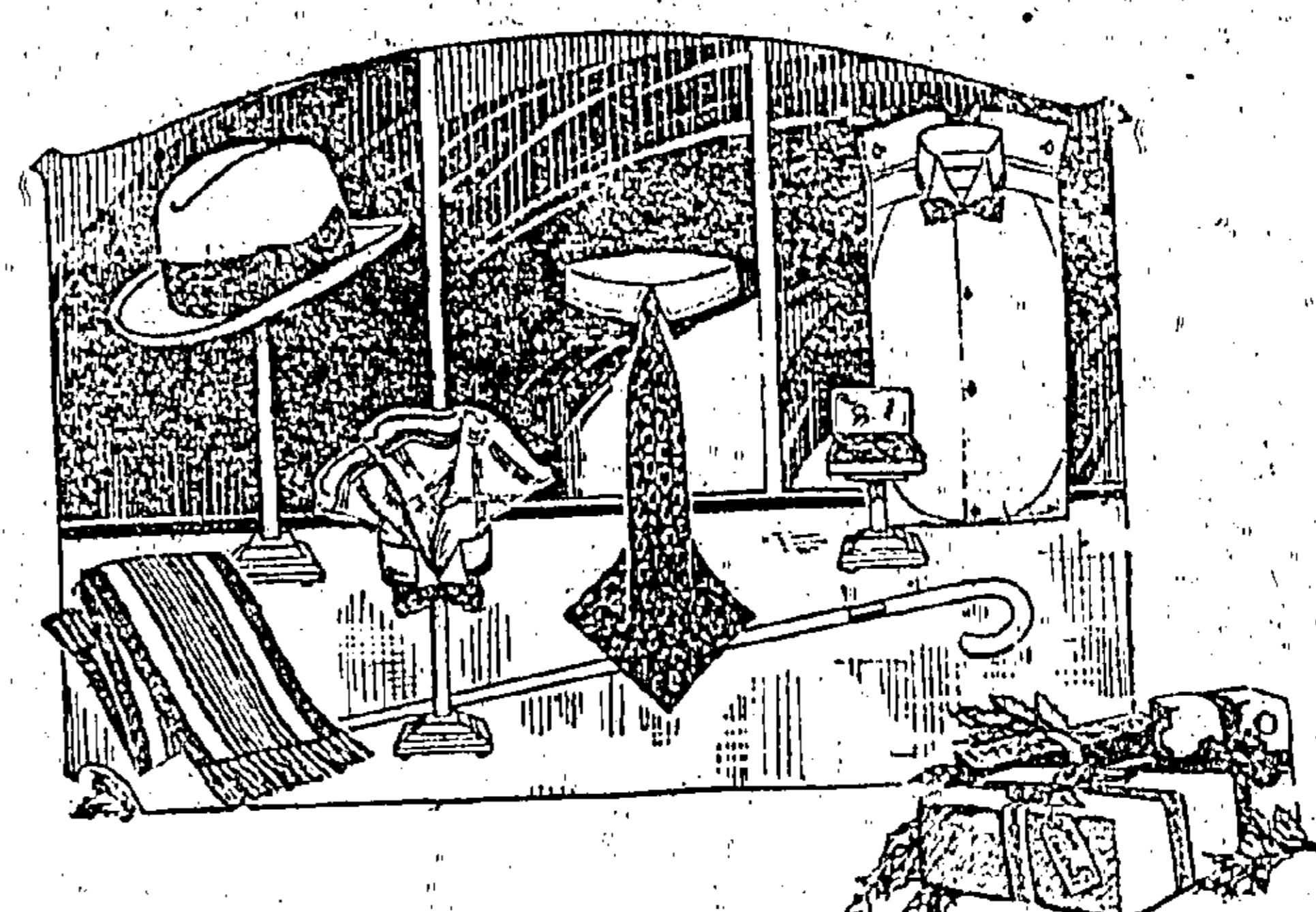
Witness stated that he was the only person on road duty and would be the only one to relight the lamps if they went out. When replacing the missing lamp witness did not see anybody or vehicle on the road. Witness noticed nothing unusual when he replaced the lamp on the barrier.

Questioned further, witness qualified a previous statement and said that he noticed that a cross board seemed slightly out of position.

Replying to Mr. Loseby witness said that the lamp in Court was the one which was missing from the obstacle.

Construction of Drain.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence, overseer of the Public Works Department, said that he examined the work which was being carried out at the place where the accident occurred. It was the construction of a storm water drain from Waterloo Road extension to the Mongkok nullah.

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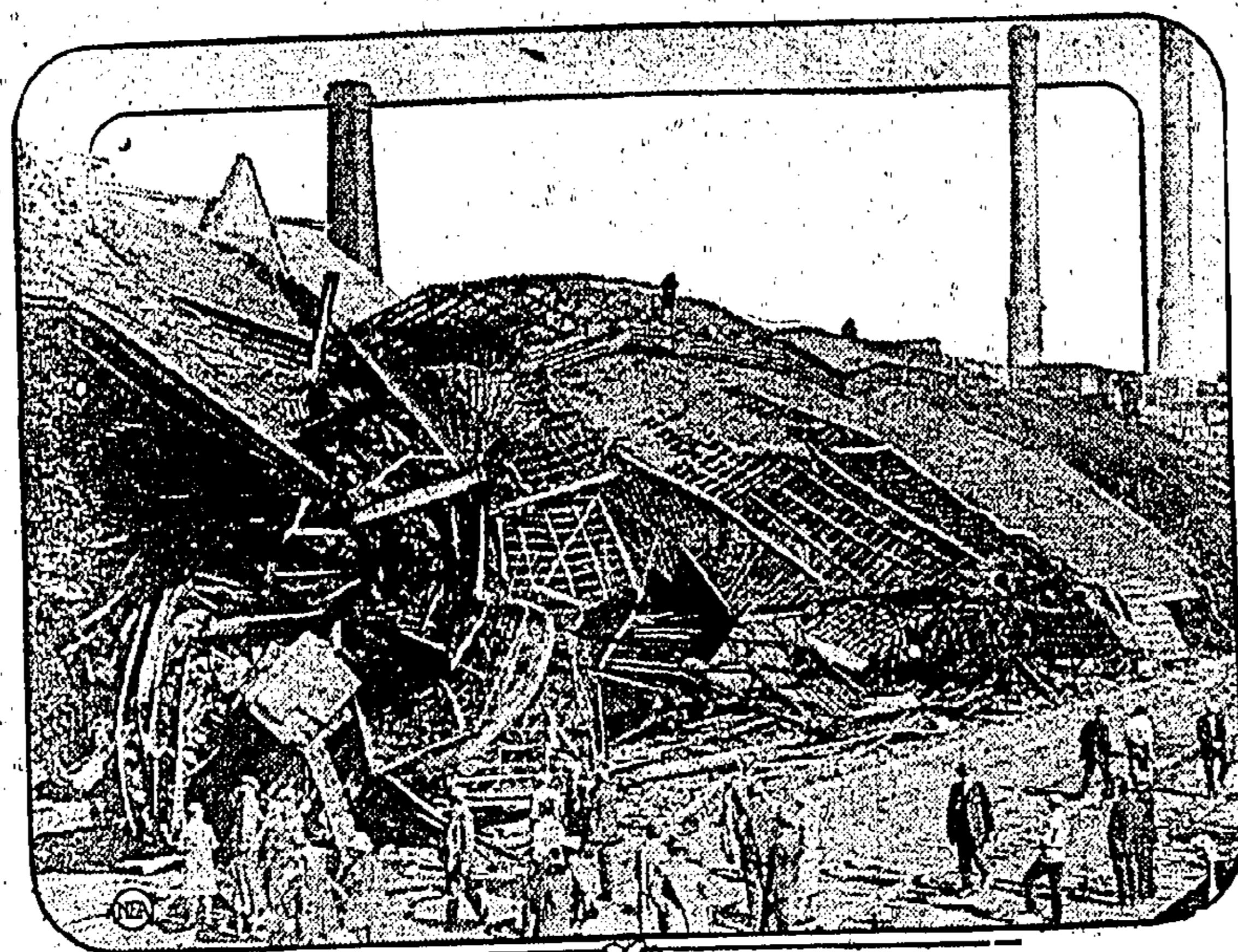
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Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder (left) is saying good bye to Rear Admiral Julian Latimer, in turning over the command of the U. S. Navy Yard, at Philadelphia.



This picture indicates what happened when a concrete mixer, protruding over the edge of a freight car caught on the steel supports of the union depot train shed at Peoria, Illinois. Before the engineer knew what was happening the train had travelled the length of the building and it collapsed behind him.



"Musical Banking in the Far East," one of the numbers on the programme of "Here and There," a most successful item in the delightful programme which the Shanghai, A. D. C recently produced at the Lyceum.



Here is pictured the wreck of one of the two naval airplanes in which Lieutenants Edward R. Frawley and William J. McCord met death at Pensacola, Florida. Colliding 5,000 feet above the earth the machines landed in the city.



One of the two young koalas, or marsupial tree-bears of Australia, which have been purchased by the Royal Zoological Society. No example has been exhibited in London since 1890, and the specimen then shown lived only a few days.



Prof. Arthur Compton of the University of Chicago has been awarded the Nobel prize for physics for 1927.



First Congress of the trans-oceanic fliers, this—taken at the White House after they lunched with President Coolidge. Left to right: Lieut. Lester J. Maitland; Clarence Chamberlin; Art Goebel; Lindbergh; Ruth Elder; Paul Schluter; Emory Bronte; Lieut. Milton A. Hegenberger; Lieut. George Neville; Commander Richard E. Byrd; George Haldeman; Charles A. Levine; Bertie Balchen; William S. Brock, and Edward F. Schlee.

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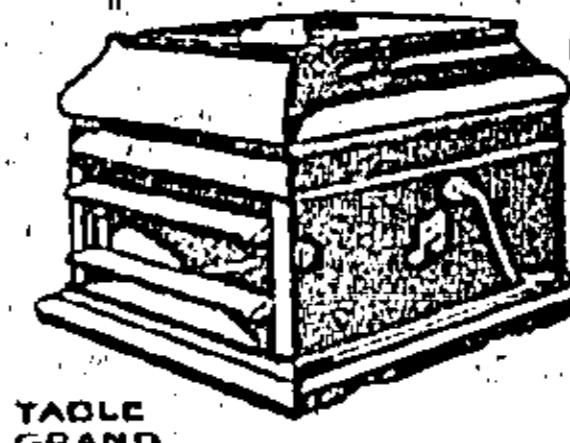
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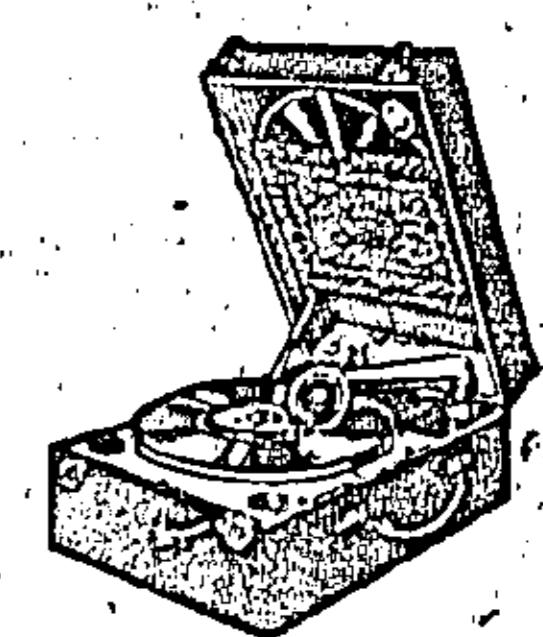


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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th instant. (Christmas Holidays).

Hongkong, 21st Dec., 1927.

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13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

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**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
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Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

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By Order

of the Board of Directors,

LAM MING FAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 20th, 1927.

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Saturday, December 24th.

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Probables v. Royal Navy.

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Monday, December 26th.

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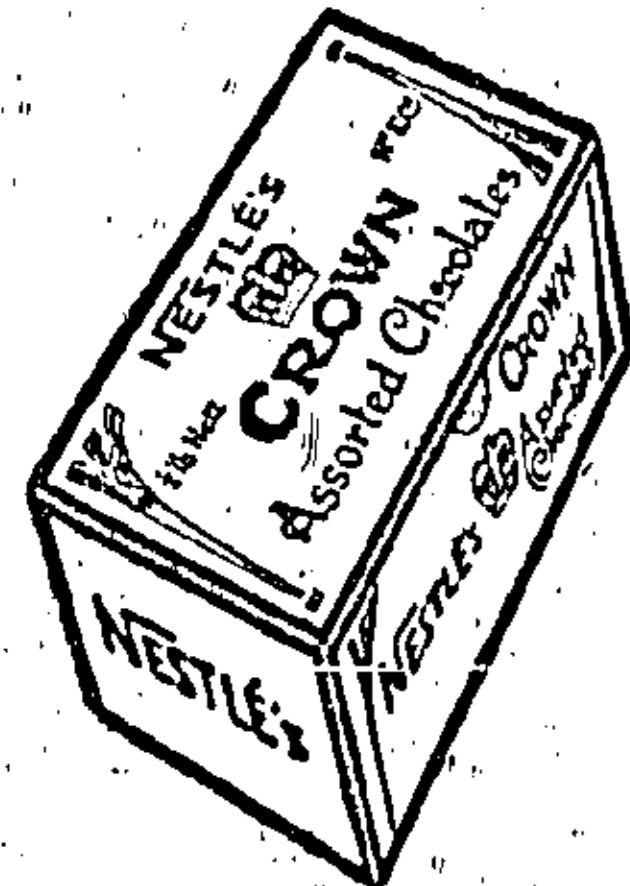
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INDIAN CHAUFFEUR'S TRIAL.

EVIDENCE FOR DEFENCE
HEARD.

CONCLUDING STAGES.

The defence of the Indian chauffeur, named Sandi Khan, who is being tried at the Criminal Sessions, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, for manslaughter, was continued this morning when further evidence was given. The defendant, who is employed by Mr. Bernard Brown, is alleged to have knocked down a woman while driving a car at West Point and caused her death on the night of November 21st. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown and Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, junior, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, is defending.

Mr. Bernard Brown said he drove the car to Jardine's Garage, The Peak, on the night in question, arriving there at about five minutes past eight. The prisoner's standing orders were to take the car back to the garage and he should have arrived there half an hour later. The prisoner seemed perfectly normal when he drove the car away. He had employed the prisoner for six months. During that time he had been entirely satisfactory, with one exception, when he was drunk.

An Indian sergeant spoke to the prisoner offering him a lift on the night in question. When approaching the West Point go-down, where the accident occurred, the speed of the car was 10 m.p.h. and the car knocked down two people who were walking in the middle of the road. The prisoner sounded his horn once. After that, the car collided with a lamp-post.

Witness told the prisoner to stop the car, but he took no notice and drove on. He did not have any other conversation with the prisoner when the car collided with the lamp-post.

Answering Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he did not know whether the prisoner had had any drink. He seemed to be perfectly normal. The car was not travelling faster than 10 m.p.h. He saw two people in the road about 50 feet ahead.

Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that evidence had been given that the car could be pulled up in a distance of seven feet. In view of that he asked witness how it was that the car struck the people.

Witness replied that that was the fault of the prisoner.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that he did not see another car coming towards them while they were passing the go-downs.

The case is proceeding.

HILL CLIMB TRAGEDY.

DEATH OF MR. G. E.
KRICKENBECK.

His many friends here (says the *Singapore Free Press*) will read with deep regret the sad news of Mr. G. E. Krickenbeck's fatal accident during the motor hill climb at Seremban. Mr. Krickenbeck went up in his Fiat (sports) car to participate in the trials and was severely injured as the result of his car overturning.

The deceased was an old boy of Trinity College, Kandy, Ceylon, and came out here in 1920. At the time of his death he was assistant manager of Mather and Phipps (Malaya). About two years ago the deceased was married to Miss Stella Ledger of Singapore, and much sympathy will be felt with the young widow.

The funeral will take place today at Bidadari at 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, Dec. 22. The Nationalists claim the capture of Lincheng in Shantung.—*Reuter*.

STABBED SLEEPING MAN.

RETALIATION FOR
PERSECUTION.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a fireman of the steam launch Man Fat was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with assaulting the second engineer of the same launch.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Inspector Fallon said that the two men were staying on board the launch on the morning of December 13, when at 4.15 a.m. the complainant was suddenly awakened by receiving a stab in his side. He immediately jumped up and saw the defendant, who struck him in the face with a knife, inflicting a severe wound in his cheek.

At the time of the assault, the launch was lying at the Shamshui-poo Ferry Wharf on the Hongkong side and instead of having the injured man removed to the Government Civil Hospital, he was taken to the Hospital in Kowloon.

The defendant, continued Inspector Fallon, gave himself up to the Police.

In a statement, the defendant said that he had been persecuted by the complainant, who had been responsible for his dismissal from a previous position.

His Worship pointed out the seriousness of the offence, remarking that the man might have been killed.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

FORGERY CHARGE.

CENTRAL BANK NOTES.

The case in which four Chinese are charged in connexion with an alleged attempt to manufacture forged Central Bank of China \$5 notes was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Mr. Horace Lo represented an ex-employee of the Commercial Press, whilst Mr. G. S. Hughes-Jones defended the remaining ones.

Evidence was called by the prosecution this morning to show that three of the four defendants had an interview on November 22 with a photographer from the Wing Shing Cheung photographer's firm. The three defendants, after a lengthy consultation with the photographer at Blaikie Pier, later adjourned to a teahouse where it was agreed that a photograph of a \$5. Bank of China note was to be taken at a cost of \$10.

The first defendant, after striking the bargain, produced \$5 in Hongkong currency and handed it to the photographer as a payment in advance.

The case is proceeding.

EXPLOSION RECALLED.

CHEQUE FOR DAMAGES.

New York, Dec. 22. The explosion of the "Black Tom" ammunition dump in New York harbour in 1914 was recalled to-day when a cheque for \$98,104 was paid in settlement of a suit for damages by the Karensky Government of Russia against the Izhid Valley Railroad Company for the loss of the ammunition.

The cheque was made payable to the "Serge Uphof," whom the State Department recognised as plaintiff's representatives in the United States.

The Soviet Government's motion for the appointment of a Receiver to take over the fund was negatived a month ago.—*Reuters American Service*.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/- 5/16.
Lighting-up 5.44 p.m.

OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.CEREALS VALUABLE AS
BREAKFAST DISH.

A FAD WHICH FAILED.

A part of the craze for dieting that swept over America within the last few years involved the discarding of breakfast as one of the day's meals.

The no-breakfast fad may be of little harm to an adult who is likely to select his other meals in proper proportion, but the growing child needs energy-producing foods early in the day as well as later. If the family sleeps late the child may be rushed off to school without a sufficient breakfast.

Among some foreign-born families one heavy meal a day is the rule and the other two meals are slighted.

Cereals are used.

The growing child will do best if it has as a part of its breakfast a properly prepared cereal served with milk and cream. Cereals are wholesome, palatable, easily digested and well assimilated.

Nowadays they are obtainable in hundreds of forms, some of them requiring little cooking or little labour and can be prepared with relative ease.

Cereals contain much carbohydrate, a considerable amount of protein and but little fat. They also provide mineral matter of importance and some of them an amount of bulk that is useful in stimulating the action of the intestines.

The three classes of cereals available include the raw, the ready to eat that have been partially cooked, and the ready to eat that have been completely cooked. The latter are likely to taste better if they are partially heated or toasted before serving.

Persons who are underweight or tuberculous patients who require extra nutrition will be helped by cereals cooked in milk. This adds to the number of calories and provides also a different taste and texture to the cereal when completed.

Eminent dieticians say that a well-cooked cereal should appear in the menu of every child at least once a day. In the period of most rapid growth they recommend one type of cereal for breakfast and another for supper.

Varying the Menu.

Dieticians and the manufacturers of these products provide numerous menus for varying their taste and for increasing their utility. They may be used as puddings; they may be flavoured with all sorts of fruits and vegetables, and baked into cakes.

Vegetables, milk, fruits and cereals should form the basic portions of the diet for all growing children. An active boy who requires from 4000 to 5000 calories to meet the out-go of energy may require in addition much butter, eggs and cream to balance his intake with his expenditure.

THE EIGHTH TIME.

A BANISHED'S RETURN.

Convicted no less than seven occasions for returning from banishment, an elderly Chinese man was this morning sentenced to twelve months' hard labour, and 24 strokes of the birch, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendant was arrested in Mongkok, and on being brought before the Magistrate this morning Sub Inspector Dick produced the man's criminal record, showing three previous convictions for theft, followed by seven offences against the Banishment Ordinance.

The last occasion on which he was banished was on December 9th after having served a term of one year's imprisonment. He was then deported from the Colony for life.

RUBBER OUTLOOK.

LATEST LONDON OPINION
ON RUBBER.

London, Dec. 13. Rubber showed a drooping tendency in view of the small increase in London stocks, since a further decrease was expected.

Importance is attached to the fusion into the United Serdang Rubber Plantations of the Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates and the Amalgamated Rubber Development Company.

The *Financial Times* considers that amalgamation is the simple remedy for the difficulties. Some even consider that these amalgamations are the industry's only salvation, though the *Financial News* recommends the gradual evolution of amalgamations.

The modest relapse of tin imparted a somewhat easier tone to the market. Eastern descriptions are still making excellent progress and there is a report that Malayan Tin Dredging are considered excellent.

Chinese descriptions are inclined to dull whilst Japanese are slightly easier.

PIRACY PROBLEM.

THE ATTITUDE OF JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 13. Japan does not appear to be disposed to associate herself with the active measures now being taken against pirates operating in Chinese waters, but she will associate herself in precautionary measures only, taken in common with other Powers.—*Reuters*.

FRENCH BUDGET.

PASSES THE SENATE.

Paris, Dec. 22. The Senate, by 273 votes to 17, has passed the Budget in the form showing estimated receipts, at 42,497 million francs, with an excess of receipts over expenditure of 196 million francs.—*Reuters*.

ALTITUDE RECORD.

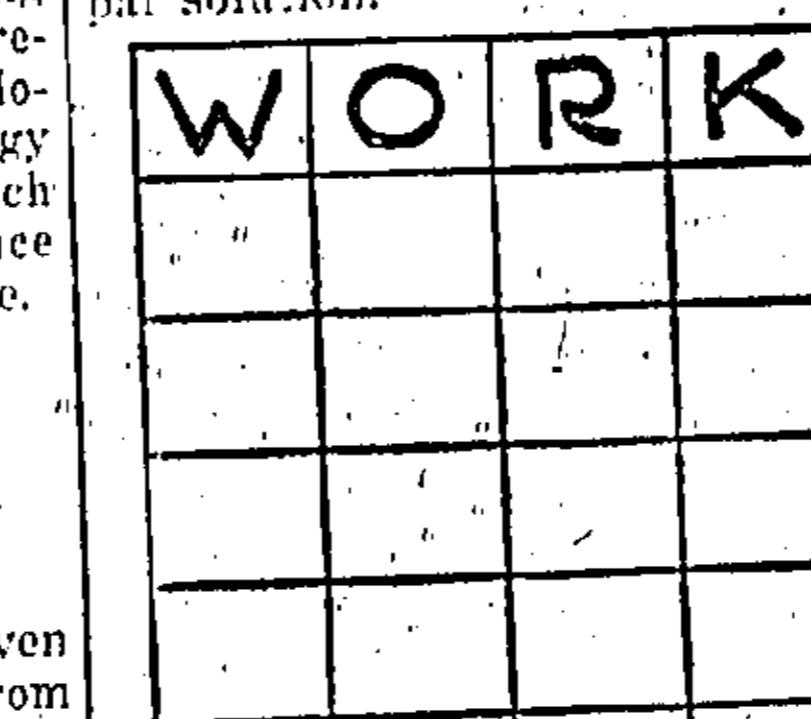
CLAIMED BY AN ITALIAN.

Turin, Dec. 22. The Italian airman Donati has reached a height of 38,802 feet and has claimed the world record.—*Reuters*.

LETTER GOLF.

ALL WORK, NO PLAY.

Go from WORK to REST once in a while and live longer. It takes five strokes, according to the par solution.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

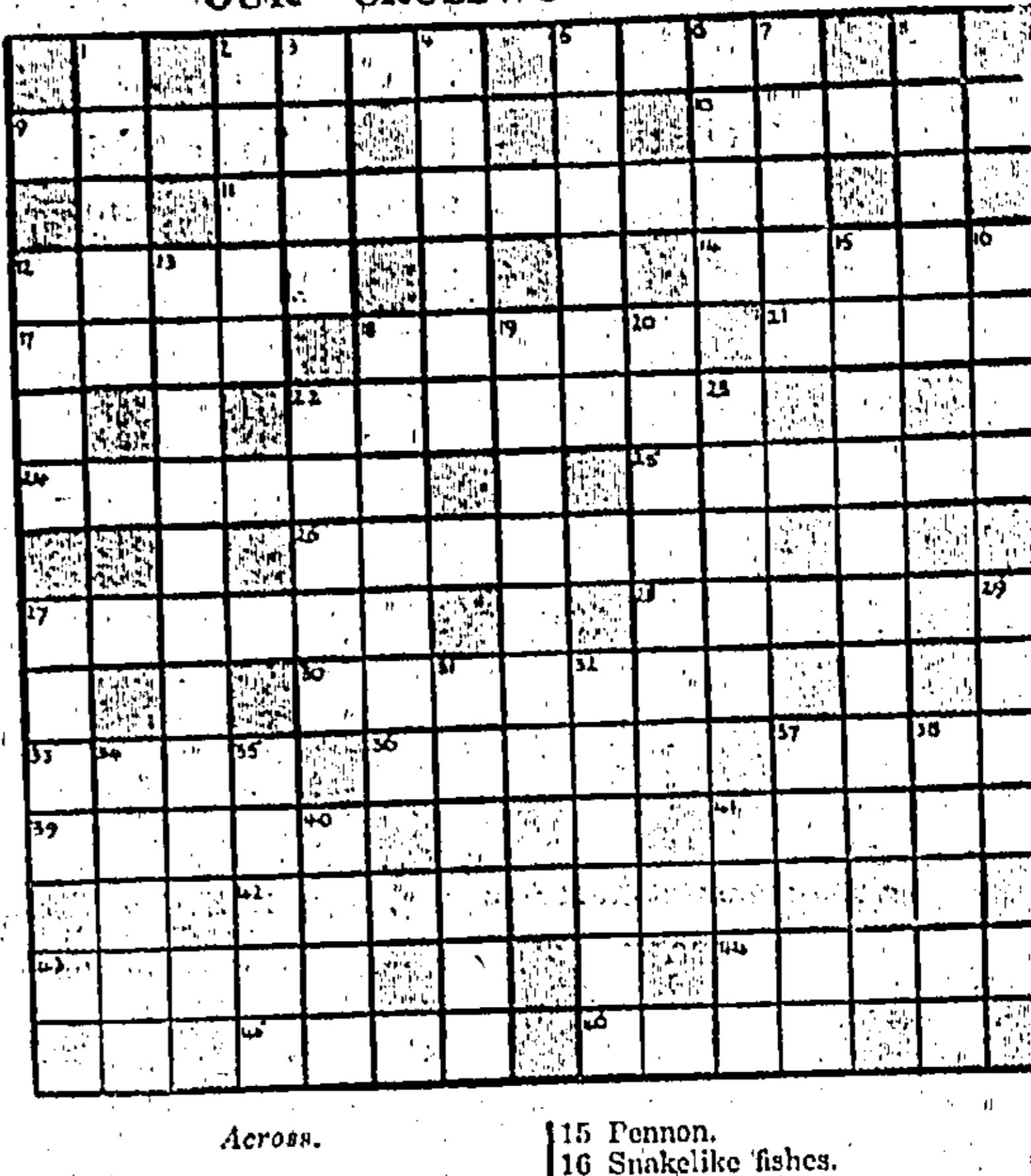
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

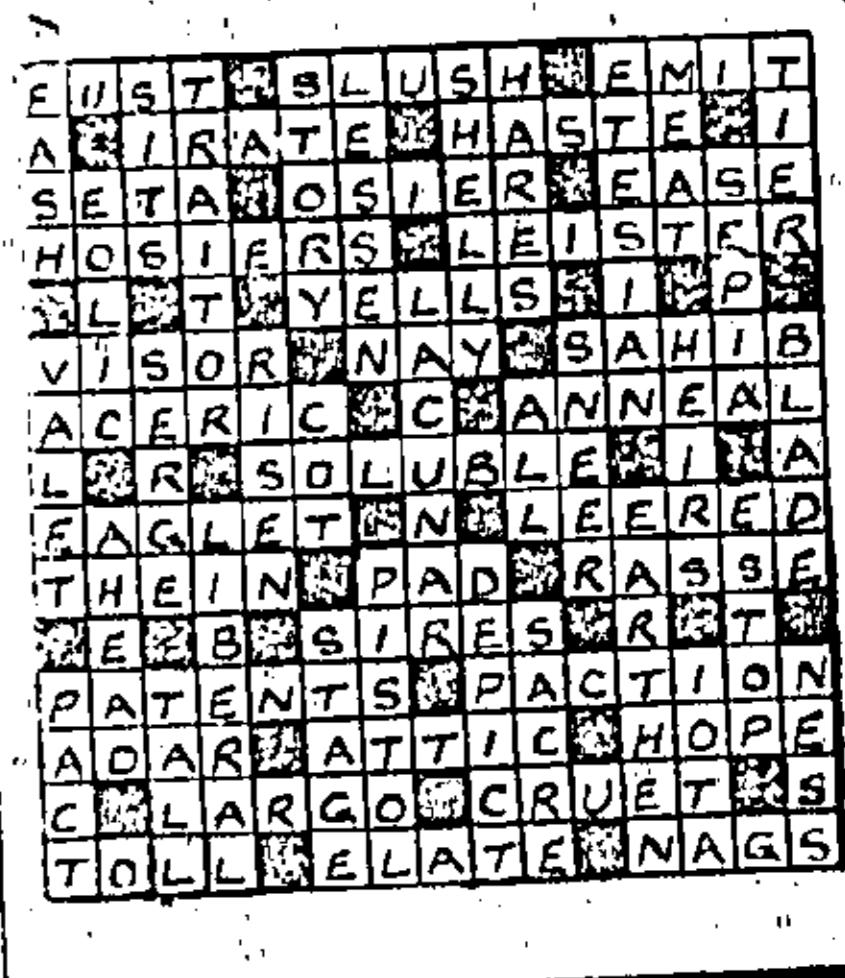
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



15 Pennon.
16 Snake-like fishes.
18 Repository of arms.
19 Pertaining to piracy.
20 Customers of professional men.
22 Principal spindle of a machine.
23 Indian buffalo.
27 Cogeny.
29 Jewel.
31 Float of a paddle-wheel.
32 Part of wireless station.
34 Brood of hawks.
35 Draw in outline.
37 Parts of a calyx with form of a helmet.
38 Decree of the Sultan of Turkey.
40 Pulled out.
41 Cultivate the soil.

Yesterday's Solution.



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Per Trip	0.05
Per Trip Persons under 16 years of age	
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Special Ferry 1.00 a.m.	0.20
Asiatics only are allowed to travel 3rd Class	4 copper cents \$ 4.00

Book of 100 Tickets—Asiatics only 6.00
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Children under 3 years of age Free
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1927.

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THE UNEXCELLED COOKING FAT

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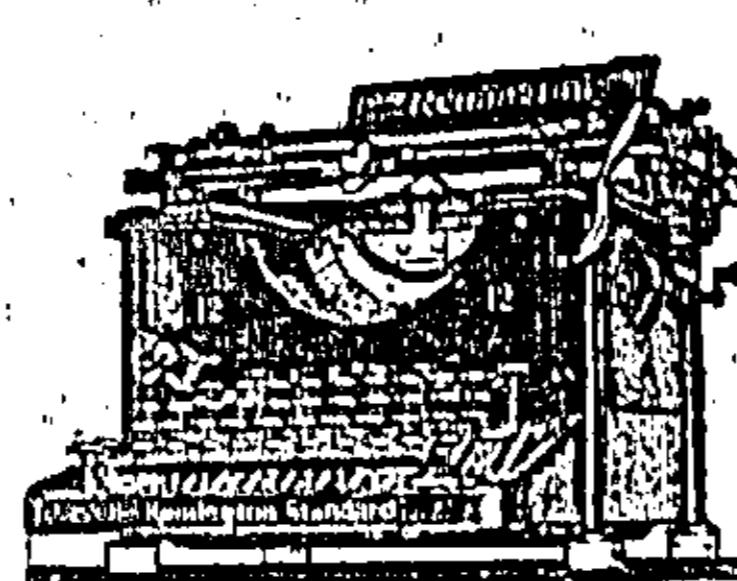
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FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1927.

CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE.

Not only in connexion with the celebrations of Armistice Day, when such sentiments are more or less general, but for many days subsequently, earnest peace talk was the remarkable feature of all the leading Home newspapers. Never before has there been such an insistence on the necessity of Britain exerting all her influence on the side of international peace as was maintained during days that followed November 11th, this year, and in the newspapers and journals now coming to hand this feature is being encouragingly commented upon. Lord Rothermere, in his own newspaper, the *Daily Mail*, has been conducting a vigorous campaign against what he describes as "Europe's War Peril" and he pleads that it is time to erect a barrier of goodwill. He contended that Europe is sinking into an attitude of armed expectancy exactly similar to that of 1914. He has emphasised the fact that "our expenditure on armaments is now larger than it was before the war; and that in consequence our industrial resources are still so crippled that we can with difficulty meet the demands of the big armament school." The present peace is but "the quietude of the powder magazine that only awaits the spark," and he concluded: "It is the duty of every Government, of whatever political creed, to give us some reassurance that the future will not merely repeat the past or double and treble its terrors." Many other penny papers have expressed the same views, and have given great prominence to the statement by M. Briand, the distinguished French statesman, that "we found nothing in war likely to improve the situation of France even by a new victory." "If you want to organise peace do not be afraid to say so," he added.

This campaign for peace, especially in the popular Tory newspapers, has called forth much comment from writers in more serious journals, and one of them succinctly argues that this demand for disarmament, this "conversion" of the Tory newspaper magnates, is not merely a new "stunt." It is contended that the great leaders of the London press know fairly well what is dimly rising to consciousness in the minds of their public, and as their manner is, they are responding to it. They are them-

selves too well-informed not to know that peace is the major interest of Britain. This belief is now slowly penetrating through the mass of the British people, and the popular Press knows that it will lose nothing by expressing it. For very many years, the indifference of the newspapers has been a stock subject of despair with pacifists. Here, then, is something new and something good, and it is precisely in the stunt Press that this advocacy is most valuable. These papers reach people who would never read pacifist speeches or leading articles. If the penny Tory Press will take up peace as a stunt so much the better for the cause, and even if, as is the nature of these things, it is soon dropped for something new, good will have been done. If people can be only started thinking about peace, the rest may follow, for the appeal is to fundamentals, and a stunt may start an irresistible pressure upon Governments.

The Motor-Horn Nuisance.

An interesting decision was given by Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday in the case of a chauffeur who was charged with the offence of blowing a motor-car horn in such manner as to cause annoyance to the public. The prosecution was taken under one of the first Ordinances passed in the Colony, namely, the Summary Offences Ordinance of 1845. According to the particular section of that Ordinance under which the case was brought, it is an offence if a person "wanton or unnecessarily blows any horn, beats any gong or drum, or makes any other noise calculated to annoy or alarm any person or to frighten any horse" or other animal. It appears that the police relied on the phrase "blow any horn" and, literally speaking, of course, a motor-car horn would come under that definition. However, account has to be taken of the intention of the Legislature, and, as was remarked during the hearing of the case, it could not have been intended fifty years ago, when the Ordinance was passed, that the words should apply to the motor-horn nuisance. It is on that ground that Mr. Lindsell has found the summons "bad." Nevertheless, it would seem clear that prosecutions for the needless blowing of motor-horns can still be taken under the Summary Offences Ordinance, as the nuisance can be dealt with under the words "or any other noise."

The case has certainly raised an interesting point, and it is as well that the position should be made clear. Of course, did the Summary Offences Ordinance not apply, it would have been relatively easy to get the point covered by a new regulation under the Traffic Ordinance, but that has now been shown not to be necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CHRISTMAS MAIL.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir—I see in your morning contemporary that as the a.s. Devanha will not arrive until 9 a.m. to-morrow, the Post Office will not be able to deal with the parcels the same day.

I can see no reason why this should be so, and if the Post Office were conducted on business lines, step would be taken to see the parcels were ready some time to-morrow. I admit that it would probably inconvenience the staff a little, but surely at a time like this, with hundreds of people waiting for their Christmas parcels, the staff could go out of their way if only to allow many of the public to get the Christmas feeling which a parcel from Home helps to impart. Whilst no one is keen on overtime, all have to work after hours when pressure of business necessitates.

So I would suggest that the Post Office should close at five o'clock, as usual, for everything but parcels, and that the whole of the staff be then devoted to getting the parcels out. This, I think, could be done by seven o'clock, provided there were proper organisation and the will to do it. Yours, etc.

L. HOPE.
Hongkong, December 23, 1927.

Lady Clementi, having been indisposed, is obliged to cancel all engagements for the present. She had been advised a complete rest until after the New Year. The dance at Government House to-night will not be cancelled.

DAY BY DAY.

FAITH IS THE CHAMPION OF GRACE, AND LOVE THE NURSE, BUT HUMILITY IS THE BEAUTY OF GRACE.—Thomas Brooks.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* will publish as usual to-morrow, but, on account of the Christmas holidays, its next subsequent issue will be on Tuesday.

Among Michaelmas term students called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, on Nov. 17, was Mr. Kyo Choo Chan.

Yesterday's health return shows three cases of typhoid (two Chinese and one Indian) and one Chinese case of diphtheria.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Batavia on account of cholera have been removed.

The Manager of the Glenely Hotel has reported to the police the theft of clothing from the Hotel yesterday, valued at \$55.

A Chinese girl committed suicide yesterday, by jumping into the harbour from the Macao Wharf. She was only 17 years of age.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the P. and O. s.s. Kashgar from Shanghai were Dr. H. G. Warle and Mr. R. E. Coxon.

The death took place at Bognor, on November 19th, of Mrs. J. P. Donovan, whose husband was formerly Commissioner in the Chinese Postal Administration.

The s.s. Devawongse was taken in hand at Kowloon Dock this morning for overhaul and the s.s. Kong Ning from the Wuchow ran to Shamshui Po for half yearly survey.

Through being knocked down by a public motor-car at the junction of Des Voeux Road West and Western Street yesterday, a Chinese man was removed to hospital with a fractured leg.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute the following were elected Fellows:—Mr. Louis H. King, Hongkong, and Mr. Warren S. Dyer, A.M.I.E.E., Shanghai.

A coolie was injured by falling timber yesterday while engaged in unloading lumber from a lighter on to the reclamation at Wai Ching Street, Yau Ma Tei. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

To-day's Observatory report states that the monsoon will freshen along the coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is: Northerly winds, moderate, fresh; fine.

West River arrivals to-day state that the situation remains quiet, there having been no interference with the crews, while cargo and passenger figures show an increasing confidence on the part of the merchants.

The picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Wandering Husbands," a domestic drama with an unusual climax. The leading players are James Kirkwood, Lily Lee and Margaret Livingston.

Thirteen dozen black woolen jerseys were stolen from the Kai Sang Knitting Factory at Shamshui Po yesterday, according to a report reaching the Yau Ma Tei Police. The value of the stolen goods is stated to be \$226.

While proceeding along Des Voeux Road West yesterday on his motor-cycle, a sub-officer of the Fire Brigade, Mr. E. Tuck, collided with a Chinese woman at the junction of Centre Street. The woman received head injuries and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 11 arrivals and 12 departures, leaving 70 vessels in harbour, British 23. British arrivals and departures numbered five and six respectively, all ships of the nationality registering cargo both inward and through, with fair totals. Norwegian carried the heaviest inward cargoes and Japanese the highest through freights of the day.

A draft of Coldstream Guards left Windsor on Nov. 19 en route for China. The detachment, under the command of Lieut. G. H. B. Maddocks, is going out to relieve the time-expired men and a class of reservists of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, who are returning home. The party, headed by the drum and fife band of the 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, were given a hearty send-off. The detachment proceeded to the Tower of London, where they joined a detachment of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards. The combined draft was to leave London on Nov. 22 for Southampton, to embark for China.

HONGKONG POLICE CHANGES.

A NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

A number of important changes are to be effected in regard to the organization and status of senior officers in the Hongkong Police Force.

As from the 1st January, 1928, Mr. Walter Kent, now Chief Inspector at Police Headquarters, will be promoted to the substantive rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, following in the footsteps of the former Chief Inspector, Mr. James Kerr, who was Assistant Superintendent when he retired on pension, two years ago.

Inspector Peter Grant, now in charge of the Western Division, will then become Acting Chief Inspector at Police Headquarters in addition to his other duties, while Inspector Charles Aris, commanding the Kowloon Division, will be appointed to the new post of Acting Chief Inspector (Kowloon).

The last-named post has just been created, in recognition of the growing needs of the Kowloon Peninsula and the mainland.

Hongkong and the mainland will, as result of these new appointments, each have a Deputy Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Inspector. Mr. W. G. Gerrard is the Assistant Superintendent of Kowloon, having been appointed to the rank when an Inspector some years ago.

LOCAL PICTURES.

OUR LIST FOR TO-MORROW.

To-morrow's *Telegraph* will contain a very interesting collection of local news pictures, including photographs taken at the official landing on Wednesday of Rear Admiral Stultz, the Commander-in-Chief of the French squadron in Far Eastern waters; the football match R.A.F. v. Chinese Athletic; and a group photograph taken at Taikoo on the occasion of the Closing Day of the lawn bowls section.

Other pictures include a group of prominent members of the local German community being entertained by the Hamburg-American Line on board the motor vessel *Vogel*; and a picture of H.M.S. Hawkins' "Mirth Makers" who gave a successful concert a few nights ago.

Of more than usual interest will be two pictures showing the new fore part of the s.s. *Tjilphot* which has been built at Taikoo Dock and the old main part, just before the joining up which is now being carried out.

BEAM WIRELESS.

PREDICTION OF MARCONI'S CHAIRMAN.

London, Dec. 22.

The early installation of a commercial telephone service to all countries served by the beam system, was foreshadowed by Lord Inverforth at the annual meeting of the Marconi Company, which adopted the Directors' report on the effects of reconstruction, recommending the payment of a dividend of sixpence per share.

Lord Inverforth drew attention to the Company's progress, and said that hitherto the results of the South African and Indian companies gave reason for optimism. As regards the controversy Cables versus Wireless, he said that nothing must be done to deprive the trading interests of the Empire of the advantages of beam wireless.—*Reuter*.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 22.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.91
Amsterdam	12.074
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	12.20
Vienna	34.554
Helsingfors	19.33
Lisbon	2.7/16
Bucharest	.700
Buenos Aires	.474
Shanghai	.27
Yokohama	1/10.13/16
New York	4.88 11/32
Geneva	.25.25
Milan	.92%
Stockholm	18.07
Oslo	18.34
Prague	16.42
Madrid	20.32
Athens	.8054
Rio	5.20/32
Bombay	1/63/32
Hongkong	2.7/16
Silver (spot)	20.7/16
Silver (forward)	20.7/16

British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Manager of Accident Insurance Company—"So you're positive that her accident was faked?"

Investigator—"Sure. She said her heel caught in the hem of her dress!"

"Kiss-proof" lipsticks, which have just been introduced in London, sell like hot cakes, according to the purveyors, who have observed that maids as well as matrons have been pleased with this novelty. It is also claimed that neither hot tea, coffee nor any other liquid affects them. Many young men, it is revealed, have bought samples for women friends.

The little tot asked dad to help.

For with her problems, so Dad sat right down, and soon found out.

How much he didn't know.

Counsel, to witness, in the Shoreditch County Court: "Was this motorist on the right side of the road?" Witness: "Oh, yes, he was on the left all right."

Hackney woman, scuriously speaking of her lodger, at Shoreditch County Court: "He is called a polished gentleman—they must look at his boots."

Man at Stratford, fined 40s. for assaulting his wife, turned to her and said: "I have no money; pray my fine, dear."

"I was once fortunate enough to find a sovereign between the wooden ledges on top of an omnibus. I gave it to the conductor, who seemed quite suspicious of me. It was not very encouraging."—Mr. Bingley, magistrate, at Marylebone.

Typewriting is the newest fad in London's Mayfair society circles. Most hostesses now type their own invitations to dinners and dances on embossed notepaper with a thought to the colour of the typewriter ribbons. These are provided in several shades to meet the demand of the smartest women.

Every minister of religion thanks God for football.—Rev. J. Shepherd.

They do not speak English in Illinois, but American—"Big Bill" Thompson.

The tyranny of glaring wealth has been substituted for that of kings.—Rev. H. Dunnico, M.P.

It is true I powder my nose, but surely that is not a crime.—Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein (the ex-Kaiser's sister).

An American newspaper has an advertisement:

"Stenographer for special work after hours. Prefer one who has no college education, as the work will require correct spelling and punctuation and the use of commonsense."

One of H.M. inspectors, while examining a class in a city school, asked if any boy or girl among them had ever seen "driven snow" and where? He received a very unexpected and humorous answer. After a long pause, a boy held up his hand and said, "Yes, sir; I've seen it carted along our streets."

Some people find the *Times* a prosy newspaper. But this adjective can never be applied to its personal advertisements that are commonly described as its "ugly column." The most varied material

MOSCOW NOTE.

DENIAL OF CANTON PLOTTING.

NANKING'S RIGHT DOUBTED.

A reply to the Nationalist Government's note ordering the closing of Soviet consulates in territory under the "Nationalist Government's administration" was handed to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai, last Saturday night. The reply bore the signature of M. Chicherin, Peoples' Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and practically denies the right of the Nanking Government to expel Soviet consular officials whose appointments were made with the knowledge and consent of the Peking Government.

The Note.

The Note, handed to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, was in Russian and was being translated into Chinese at a late hour last night. A draft of the translation into English is as follows:

"1. The Soviet Government has never recognized the so-called Chinese Nationalist Government at Nanking in whose name the note of December 15 was handed to the Consul-General of the U.S.S.R. in Shanghai. The Nationalist Government must be acquainted with the fact that all consulates of the U.S.S.R. exist on Chinese territory in consequence of the treaty concluded between China and the U.S.S.R. and signed in Peking in 1921 and that all the appointments of the Consuls for Shanghai as well as in any other places in China were made with the knowledge and consent of the Peking Government."

"The Shanghai authorities as well as all other local Chinese authorities have only taken notice of this appointment. In consideration of these facts the statement in the note of the Nationalist Government concerning the cancellation of the recognition of the consuls in the different provinces can only mean that the generals who have seized the power in Nanking acting under the pressure of the Imperialists have thought it advisable to have in the territory under their domination, especially, the consuls of such powers as are maintaining the unequal treaties with the Chinese."

Repudiates Statement.

"2. The Soviet Government has to repudiate in the most energetic manner the completely unfounded statement contained in the note of December 15 to the effect that the Soviet Consulates and the state commercial agencies are to be considered responsible for the Red propaganda and as 'an asylum for the Communists.' We have to repudiate especially in a most energetic way the allegation that our consulate in Canton was guiding the revolutionary movement of the workers and peasants in Kwangtung. It is an old attempt to consider the revolutionary movement of the workers and peasants in China as a consequence of the activities of the Soviet official institution. For years already the enemies of the Chinese people, the Imperialists of all countries, consider the great revolutionary movement of the Chinese people as a consequence of the intrigues of exterior forces. The fact that the Nationalist Government at Nanking is repeating now the counter-revolutionary legends of the suppressors of the Chinese people proves better than anything else whose will the Nationalist Government is actually performing now."

"3. The Soviet Government is convinced that the attitude of the Chinese authorities in Shanghai will do harm first of all to the Chinese people and to the Nationalist interests of China and the people who so lightly start a hostile policy against the U.S.S.R. will be the first who will feel the harm thereof."

"CHICHERIN,
"Peoples' Commissar for
Foreign Affairs."
December 16, 1927."

Japanese Press Views.

Tokyo, Dec. 17.
The vernacular papers evince considerable interest in the Nationalist Government's rupture with the Soviet.

The *Chugaku*, commenting on the break, considers that it helps to confirm that the Soviet policy to "redden" the world has failed.

The paper fears, however, that the Soviet balked in China, may seek more fertile soil elsewhere and, therefore, warns Japan that she must be on her guard.

Japan Not to Interfere.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
General Baron Tanaka, the Premier and Foreign Minister, in a press interview, said:-

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WILL OF THE LATE MR. C. KLINK.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE AT SHANGHAI.

TLS. 200,000 IN HONGKONG.

CHINA. PROBLEMS.

CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE RETAINED.

THE ASSOCIATION DINNER.

In the United States Court for China, at Shanghai, on Monday, Mr. F. J. Schulz presented the will of the late Mr. Charles Klink for probate, and informed Judge M. D. Purdy that an estate of about TLS. 200,000 had been left in Hongkong, and about TLS. 15,000 in Shanghai. Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., represented a daughter of deceased in Manila.

Judge Purdy ordered the usual publication of citations for three weeks.

Mr. Schulz requested the Court's permission to question Mr. S. H. Lewis, who drew up the will, as the latter intended leaving for Penang before the end of the year.

Permission being granted, Mr. Lewis said that he drew up the will in January this year, whilst deceased was confined in the Victoria Nursing Home. At all times his mind seemed clear, whilst witness took instructions.

Replies to his Honour, witness said that deceased died in September, this year.

Mr. Bryan elicited from witness that deceased left hospital before he died, and that Captain Messrs' husband of one daughter, who is to receive a large part of the income, asked witness to call on the late Mr. Charles Klink. According to the provisions of the will, a son in America is to receive HK\$12,000, there is a trust fund of HK\$50,000 for a blind son in Hongkong, of the residue counsel's client has a life interest in one-quarter, her son to have the principal on her death, whilst Mrs. Messer is to receive three-quarters of the residue. Witness also told the Court that there had been a former will, which deceased, after adding a codicil, destroyed.

His Honour overruled Mrs. Bryan's questions regarding the provisions of the destroyed will and the case was adjourned.

GREYHOUNDS FOR SHANGHAI.

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

The greyhounds which are on the way to Shanghai aboard the Glenrothes arrived in Hongkong to-day. On the whole they are standing the journey well, but six caught colds through lying on deck and died. A litter of pups were born aboard the boat in Penang Harbour.

The Shanghai race-manager, Capt. Jones in an interview with the *Pinang Gazette* said he did not see why they should not use the tote, as in horse racing. This betting system, he believed, checked the project of a dog track in Singapore.

ROCKET EXPLOSION.

EMPERESS "BOYS" INJURED.

A serious accident occurred on board the Empress of Russia as she was lying at the Kowloon Docks yesterday.

Finding time rather heavy in their hands as the liner was in dry dock, three mess-room boys conceived a little diversion. They brought out an old rocket, applied a match to the fuse, and waited for developments. These came in one course. There was an explosion, and the three boys, who appeared to have an inadequate knowledge of the handling of their plaything, were seriously injured, all in the face and body, being subsequently removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS.

QUIET FAMILY PARTY.

London, Dec. 22.

Their Majesties, the King and Queen, with their little granddaughter, Princess Elizabeth, left London to-day for Sandringham, where Christmas will be spent in the customary way of making it a Royal family party.—*British Wireless*.

of relations between the Nanking Government and Moscow, but the Japanese Government has no intention whatever of rendering assistance to General Chiang and the Kuomintang in the matter. The severance of the relations between Nanking and Moscow is only a local matter, I suppose, because the Nanking Government is not established on a firm basis.

It is, therefore, doubtful whether the Nanking Government's action can be regarded as a severance of diplomatic relations.—*Toho*.

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ITALY AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

HOW MUSSOLINI KEPT HIS PROMISE.

"COMPLETELY VICTORIOUS."

The annual dinner of the China Association was held in the King Edward VII Rooms at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, on Nov. 21.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Southborough, the President, was in the chair, and among the large gathering were the following: Mr. L. N. Leece, Sir William Rees Davies, Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., Mr. Stanley Lee, Mr. David Landale, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir Claud Severn, Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. H. J. Gedye, Mr. H. Hancock, Mr. P. L. Knight, Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. C. Maxon, Mr. T. Petrie, Sir Newton Stahle, Mr. G. E. Towns and Mr. P. R. Wolff.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, proposing the toast of "His Majesty's Ministers," said: With some experience of the kind of thing, he had become more and more astonished every year as to how it was that some sixteen or twenty distinguished men could be found to grapple with the enormous problems of the government of the British Empire. They drank their health, for that was one interpretation of the term toast, but toast might also mean to scorch by fire—(laughter)—and that was the more frequent application. The congestion of worldwide business had in fact a bearing upon the difficulties which surrounded the great questions affecting the minds of all. They had, for instance, the keen desire of the young ladies of Britain to vote for His Majesty's Ministers—and others—(laughter)—and at the same time they were confronted with the apparently fixed determination of the Hindus to decline the vote either for themselves or for anybody else. It was, in fact, with the help of the Indian Government and Municipal obligations, shooting up nearly two points.—*Reuter's American Service*.

New Rates of Exchange.

Rome, Dec. 22.
Following the stabilisation of the lira, the strength of Italian issues was the outstanding feature of the bond market, the entire of the bond market, including industrial, Government and Municipal obligations, shooting up nearly two points.—*Reuter's American Service*.

CANTON PUZZLE.

MUCH SPECULATION PREVAILS.

SOME POSSIBLE OUTCOMES.

The precarious political position prevailing in Kwangtung at the moment is causing considerable conjecture in Chinese circles. Immediately after the "Red" coup had been suppressed, it was reported that General Wang Ki-cheung, Mr. Chu Hui-yi, the Chief of the Canton Police, and Messrs. Chang Fat-wei and Chan Kung-pok, both Commissioners of the Canton Political Council, tendered their resignations. Then came a report that Chang Fat-wei and Chan Kung-pok, declared that they would remain at their posts, while Chu Hui-yi asserted that he would continue to hold the office of Chief of Police.

Reports in connexion with the "Ironside" military leaders appear to be even more puzzling, for recently Generals Hsieh Yo, Li Fuk-lum, Chang Fat-wei and Wong Ki Cheung made it definitely known to Canton people that they would combine efforts in exterminating the "Reds" in Kwangtung, while the next day a Canton report stated that the troops of Generals Hsieh Yo and Li Fuk-lum had indicated their antagonistic attitude to the armies supporting General Wang Ki-cheung.

Uncertainty undoubtedly also prevails along the East and West Rivers. A few days ago it was said that conditions on the West River were tense while those on the East River were relaxed, but to-day the Chinese reports state that conditions on both rivers are tense.

The "Leftist" Viewpoint.

Rome, Dec. 22.
In connexion with Italy's return to the gold standard an agreement was concluded in London with the Governors of the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credits of \$125,000,000 of which \$875,000,000 will be provided from fourteen big banks in States having a gold standard and \$50,000,000 from Morgan's.—*Reuter's American Service*.

American Opinion.

Washington, Dec. 22.
In view of the close relationship of the lira and the franc, Mr. Mellon and the Federal Reserve Board believe that Italy's adoption of the gold standard is probably the forerunner of similar action by France.

Mr. Mellon is of opinion that Italy's action will not require a substantial exportation of gold from the United States and will not appreciably affect business since banking circles had been aware of the negotiations for some time.

Meanwhile, the Vice Governor of the Federal Reserve Board calls attention to the fact that Spain has sufficient stocks of gold to adopt the gold basis at any time.—*Reuter's American Service*.

THE U.S. SUBMARINE DISASTER.

H.M. THE KING'S MESSAGE.

London, Dec. 22.
His Majesty, the King has sent the following message to President Coolidge: "I am deeply grieved at the sad loss of the Submarine S4 involving so great a loss of life, and I desire to assure the American people, more especially the bereaved families, of my heartfelt sympathy in this national calamity."—*Reuter's American Service*.

THIEF ENTERS POLICE QUARTERS.

AN INSPECTOR'S LOSS.

It is not often that such an instance occurs as one that took place yesterday, when a thief broke into the room occupied by Police Sergeant Hopkins, at the Police Quarters in Caine Road, and stole \$147 worth of money, clothing and jewellery.

It was revealed that entry was effected in the early hours of the morning, a chisel probably having been used to force open a window.

PETROLEUM FIELDS.

JAPANESE ADMIRALTY INTERESTED.

Tokyo, Dec. 13.
The Japanese Admiralty is proceeding quickly with a programme for the exploitation of petroleum fields in the region of Sakhalien and in Formosa for the value which these resources will present from the strategic point of view.—*Indo-Pacific*.

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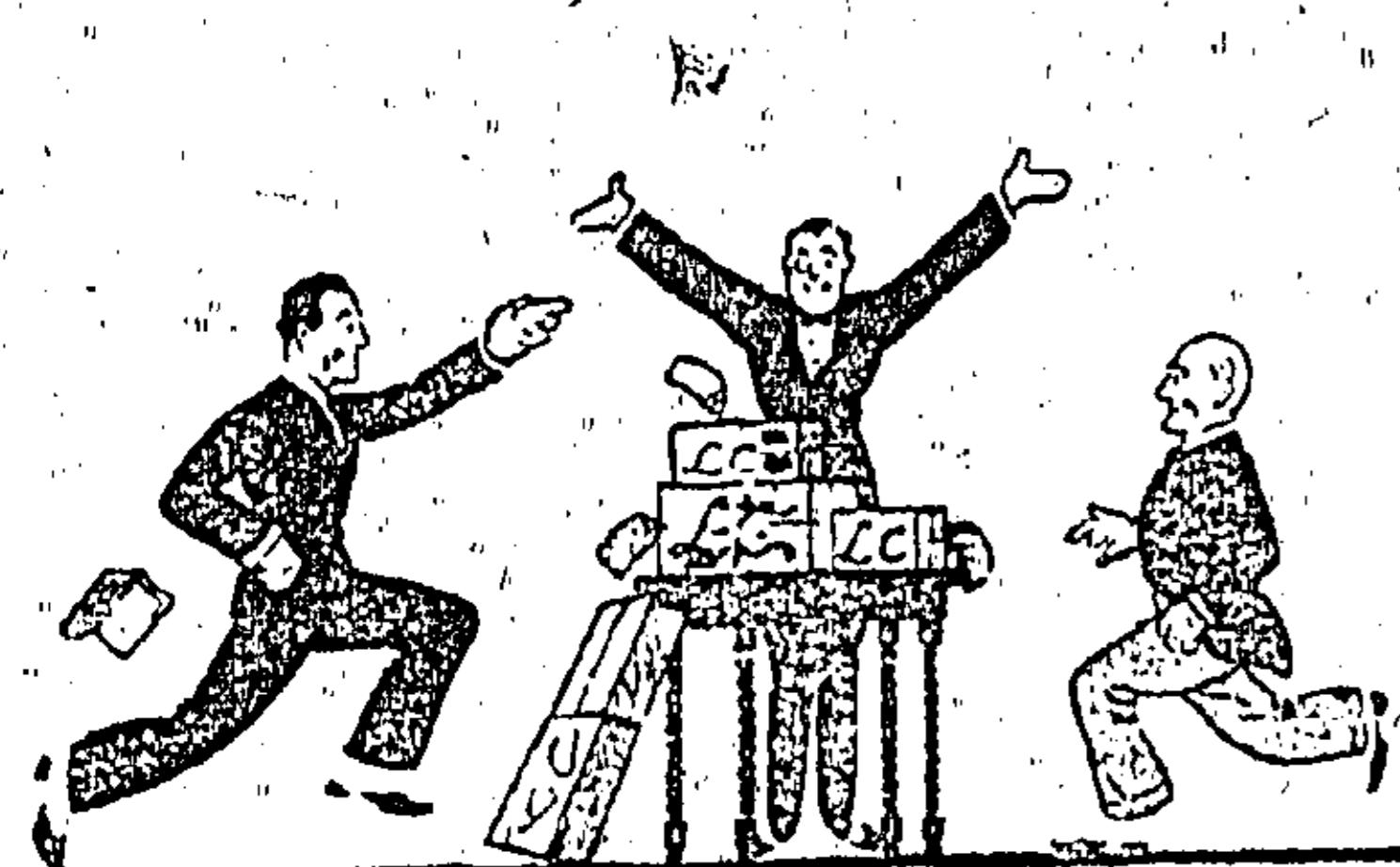
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21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the
Hongkong Telegraph for the week
ended December 22nd 1906:

The rate of the dollar on demand
was 2s. 2. 15/16d.

For the first time, the American
Court for China, which superseded
the old system of Consular Courts,
was opened in Shanghai.

A coolie was arrested on sus-
picion of being concerned in the
murder of Mr. J. R. Craig, late
Chief Clerk of Kowloon Docks.

The Club Lusitano in Hongkong
celebrated its 40th anniversary with
an "At Home."

The Scottish Masonic Quadrille
Association advertised a dance at
the City Hall.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough dis-
posed of a big lot of property in
Kowloon, with frontages on Coronation
Road, Granville Road, and
Kimberley Road. This was Kow-
loon Inland Lot 540, with an area of
123,232 square feet. Mr. S.
Bisney was the purchaser at
\$146,500.

H. R. H. Prince Valdemar of
Denmark and H. R. H. Prince
George of Greece arrived in Hong-
kong by the East Asiatic Com-
pany's steamer Birma.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

SINGAPORE MAN PLEADS GUILTY.

Mr. N. C. Begg was charged in
the Police Court, Singapore, last
Tuesday, with attempting to com-
mit suicide. He pleaded guilty
and told the Magistrate that he
had been out of work for six
months. The only money he received
was \$100 a month from his
mother.

Accused said that he had been
offered some work at Johore but
when he went there he was shown
a Singapore newspaper containing
a report of the incident at the
Europe Hotel in which he was in-
volved. He lost the job.
He had been carrying about a
bottle of veronal tablets for the
past six months. A few nights
ago he went to a public house and
after a few drinks he took 25
tablets of the drug. He had been
in the East thirteen years without
a break.

Accused was sent to hospital.

RUSSIAN TEA BUYERS.

ALLOWED TO CARRY ON.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—The Nationalist Government is allowing the Centro Suju, the big tea buyers for the Chinese Eastern Railway agency, to carry on under supervision.—*Reuter*.

Transfer to Kobe.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—It is understood that the operating staff of the Soviet Trade Mission will stay in Kobe.—*Reuter*.

More confidence would be felt
in circles fitted to judge if Hong-
kong chooses to rely for one of the
places at least on that old stal-
wart, Wynne, who if he has occa-
sionally shown a lapse of form
is still very much on the list of
dependable backs, and whose
Interport experience would stand
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THE WORLD of SPORT.

HOLIDAY SOCCER.

THE INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

OUR INTERPORT TEAM.

[By "Wanderer."]

League football will be practically
at a standstill over the
Christmas holidays, attention being
diverted to the *Sunday Herald*
International Charity Cup Competition,
and the Interport Trial.

The league fixtures scheduled
are re-arrangements and are four
in number, one Senior division,
none of the matches having any
considerable bearing on the destination
of honours.

The week-end fixtures are as follows:

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP.

Monday, Scotland v. Portugal.—
Club, 3.45 p.m.
Tuesday, England v. South China.—
Club, 3.45 p.m.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

Saturday, Possibles v. Navy.—
Club, 3.45 p.m.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Senior Division.
Queen's v. South China.—S. China,
Sat., 4 p.m.

Junior Division "A."

R.A. v. Club.—Suckupoo, Sat., 2.30
p.m.
Chinese Ath. v. Kowloon.—Kowloon,
Sat., 2.30 p.m.

Junior Division "B."

Boy Scouts v. S. China "A."—S.
China, Sat., 2.30 p.m.

The Interport Trial.

The thing of note about the
Interport Trial to-morrow, which is
the most attractive feature on
the card, is that the Association
declare the Hongkong team to be
the Probables. This is of special
interest because the two backs
engaged are the Chinese Athletic
pair, Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-
tat, and one wonders if the Selection
Committee seriously contemplates
choosing them both.

Should this be the case there
will be much shaking of heads
among players who have had ex-
perience of Shanghai grounds.
The Chinese pair, as a pair, are
undoubtedly the leading backs in
this Colony, but it is a very moot
point whether they would show
up nearly so prominently in
Shanghai, where grounds are so
much heavier and softer than
those in Hongkong.

More confidence would be felt
in circles fitted to judge if Hong-
kong chooses to rely for one of the
places at least on that old stal-
wart, Wynne, who if he has occa-
sionally shown a lapse of form
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Scotland's Side.

Only three civilians are in-
cluded in Scotland's team to meet
Portugal (the Club do Recreio) on
Monday in the International
Charity Cup game, the result
being a very strong side. This is
not intended as a slur upon
Civilians, but it must be admitted
that civilian talent is beggarly
this season—to a greater extent
than ever before.

Portugal's team will have a
slight advantage at the beginning
in teamwork, but the Club do
Recreio have suffered consider-
ably as the result of injuries to
players, and the result does not
appear to be in very much doubt.

A 14-year-old girl, the daughter
of an amateur employed at No. 17,
Hing Hon Road, was fatally injured
yesterday, in a fall from the cock-
loft. She died on the way to
hospital. The case has also been
reported of a cooie who was in-
jured seriously when, during his
sleep, he tumbled down from the
cockloft of a house at West Point.

FANLING HUNT.

THE CHRISTMAS MEETING.

(By "Rambler.")

The next Fanling Hunt meeting

is to be held at Kwanti to-morrow,

Saturday, and it can be taken for

granted that it will be a huge

success. The entries are good,

and numerous local and Macao

owners are taking strong teams

to the meeting. I have been in-

formed by Dr. Pierce Grove, the

genial Master of the Fanling

Hounds, that the track is in good

condition, and, providing the

weather continues to be fine, an

excellent week-end should be

assured to those who are fortun-
ate in being able to make the trip.

Candidates' Chances Considered.

BLOTTING PAPER.—Ridden by

Skrine, scored in comfortable

fashion at the last meeting,

although running second to

Humdinger in the first race. He

may again run well, but has a lot

more to do at the next outing.

CIRCE.—After several futile

attempts on the flat, has been

entered for the Maiden's and with

Mr. Sewell up may possibly contrive

to get his head in front suffi-
ciently long enough to allow

the Judge to post him a winner.

DEER HOUND.—Was very un-
lucky to have lost at the last

meeting owing to a crash at the

last hurdle but one. However,

after being remounted he suc-
cessfully ran second and on this

display can be held to have quite

a respectable chance wherever he

appears on Saturday.

CHERITON VALE.—Certainly

one of the very best long distance
chasers that we have seen at

Kwanti. Wherever he starts he

should bring home the bacon.

EASTER DAY.—A first-class

hurdler who just romps over the

country and enjoys it. Although

well handicapped, cannot fail to

figure prominently.

HUMDINGER.—May not pos-
sibly be as good as his name im-
plies; still, he should give a very
good account of himself.

JAMES PIGG.—In my idea, he

is one of the best performers we

LOCAL CRICKET.

CAMBRIDGE EASILY BEATS OXFORD.

In the annual match between the students of Cambridge and Oxford Hongkong, the representatives of Cambridge won easily, the match taking place on the Hongkong C.C. ground. The light blues batted first and compiled the useful total of 245 runs for the loss of six wickets, H. G. Wallington being top scorer with 81. Wallington, the batsman, contributed 56 not out, while Hugh-Jones made 40. Rev. R. T. Venn, going on to bowl towards the end, took three of the wickets, Sayer securing the other three. Oxford could not muster more than 149 runs, Hawkins and Sayer with 39 each being the top scorers. The full scores were:

Cambridge.	
I. G. Wallington, c Sayer, b Venn	81
C. Wu, b Sayer	18
Capt. J. Drysdale, c and b Venn	29
O. Dale, not out	56
E. W. Hamilton, c Foster, b Venn	1
F. D. Pendered, c Foster, b Sayer	17
S. Hugh-Jones, at Usher, b Sayer	40
Extras	12
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	245

J. Barrow, F. Syme-Thompson, R. E. Lindsell and Y. S. Wan did not bat.	
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Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Hollis	24
Sayer	14
Foster	6
Hawkins	3
Wood	2
Venn	8
Others	52
Total	146

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Pendered	27
Hamilton	45
Dale	27
Wallington	17
Others	17
Total	146

H.K.C.C. Xmas Teams.

The following are the teams to play in the "Married" v "Single" cricket match for members of the Hongkong Cricket Club. This match will be played on the Club ground on Saturday, December 24.

Marrieds—P. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, D. W. Leach, H. Griffin, J. Norrie, Owen, C. P. James, A. N. Evans, F. Syme Thompson, A. H. Gillingham, and J. E. Hancock. Singlets—J. B. Hinton, J. A. Summers, E. B. West, C. D. Wales, G. P. Lamont, G. H. Richard, L. L. Heald, H. J. Armstrong, Alan Reid, R. Forster, and A. N. Other.

To Meet Army.

The following have been selected to play against the Army, on the Club ground on Monday and Tuesday next, commencing at 11 a.m. R. E. Hancock (Captain), A. W. Hayward, T. E. Pearce, D. W. Leach, O. Moore, C. D. Wales, H. V. Parker, G. R. Sayer, B. D. Evans, J. A. Summers, and E. W. Hamilton.

Kowloon C.C. v H. M. S. Argus.

A heavy scoring match on the K. C. C. ground yesterday between H. M. S. Argus and the home team resulted in a draw. The Argus batted first, and thanks to a fine second wicket partnership by Lugg (89 not out) and Cecil (65) compiled 205 for four wickets before declaring.

Kowloon replied with 164 for six wickets, Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw making 73 and Lyal 37.

Scores:

H. M. S. Argus.	
Lt.-Comdr. J. F. W. Hawkins, b Murray	9
Sergt. Lugg, not out	99
Lieut. R. Cecil, st. Bevis, b Murray	65
Lt. J. B. A. Majendie, c Lyal b Murray	5
Rev. E. S. Ulyatt, run out	0
L. A. C. Tansley, not out	26
Extras	11
Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)	205

Lt.-Comdr. H. J. Moore, Surg. Comdr. Langdale, Lt.-Comdr. Thomson, Tel. H. C. Wedg, and Lt. E. O. F. Brice did not bat.	
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Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
J. C. Lyal	51
Rev. F. G. Murray	51
L. A. C. Reekes	12
N. H. Ross	28
A. Hargreaves-Brown	25
W. F. J. Gorvin	24
H. T. Buxton	9
Kowloon C.C.	7
Rev. J. P. Murray, b Woods	11
Capt. F. G. Bevis, b Woods	5
Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw, not out	74
J. C. Lyal, b Lugg	37
W. F. J. Gorvin, run out	9
P. G. Hall, b Woods	0
H. T. Buxton, c Tansley, b Woods	21
Extras	7
Total (for 6 wkts.)	154

L. A. C. Reekes, A. Hargreaves-Brown, N. H. Ross and E. B. Morton did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Lt. Comdr. Thomson	31
Tel. Woods	46
J. W. H. Tansley	54
S. Lugg	28
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CHRISTMAS PARTY.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL GATHERING.

The Big Hall at the Central British School Kowloon, presented a bright and gay appearance yesterday evening when the annual fancy dress dance to the pupils, at the invitation of the headmaster and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. Franklin Nightingale was held, prior to the Christmas vacation. The hall had been prettily decorated and the 100 odd dancers who turned up, nearly all of whom were arrayed in tasteful fancy dress of all descriptions, made an attractive showing.

A number of parents, friends, and former pupils attended. Included among those present in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale were Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education; Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, The Rev. G. E. S. and Mrs. Upsdell, Mr. and Mrs. Easterbrook, Mrs. Boas and Mrs. Owen.

Four prizes were offered for the best fancy dresses, two for girls and a similar number for boys. The judges, Mrs. Boas and Mrs. Easterbrook, had no easy task in selecting the successful ones. For the judging the dancers took part in a march past the judges.

The winners, who received their prizes from the hands of Mrs. B. Wylie were: Girls 1. Miss Helen Wylie, Old Victorian dress; special prize, Miss Vera Leykovitch, A Russian Lady. Boys 1. H. Brown, "Buy British Goods," special prize Jack Upsdell, A Chinese. The donors of prizes were Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Pinguet, Mr. E. Ralphs, and Mr. A. E. Wood.

Mr. Nightingale expressed thanks to Mrs. Wylie for attending and distributing the prizes. He also thanked the "donors" of the "Antidote" orchestra, who had kindly offered their services, and Mr. H. Scotton, who discharged the duties of M.C.

Cheers were then lustily given for Mrs. Wylie and the headmaster.

Refreshments were provided during the evening.

When the roll was called in Wakefield Prison at 5.30 p.m. recently, it was found that Harold Wilson, aged 21, who had been working in the grounds, was missing. The alarm was given and man's description was circu-

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

VOTES AMOUNTING TO \$98,000 APPROVED.

Supplementary expenditure amounting to \$96,509 was approved at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council held yesterday afternoon, presided over by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

In regard to a vote of \$50,000 for transport of Government servants, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes enquired how it was that Hughes enquired how it was that the estimate should have been exceeded by such a large amount. There was an error of 25 per cent.

The Colonial Treasurer jocularly remarked that the responsibility lay with the number of children Civil servants had.

The Chairman remarked it was exceedingly difficult to estimate this item correctly.

The Colonial Treasurer added that another reason was the payment of extra passages owing to leave now being allowed before the four and a half years had expired.

Increase in Stationery.

Hon. Mr. Shenton drew attention to a vote of \$12,000 for stationery. He mentioned that the expenditure last year was \$50,000 and this year \$72,000, a difference of \$22,000, or 30 per cent. No explanation had been given why this considerable rise had taken place, and what it was for.

The Colonial Treasurer remarked that more work was now being done in the Gaol, requiring more stationery. The printing account had decreased accordingly.

The Chairman remarked that the Gaol was now able to do most of the Government work and therefore the bill for stationery went up whilst that for printing went down.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton suggested that economy might be exercised. The increase was a very considerable one on the previous year.

The Chairman remarked that every effort was made to economise in the Government service. A good deal of this was suspense account—stationery that was ready for further printing in the Gaol.

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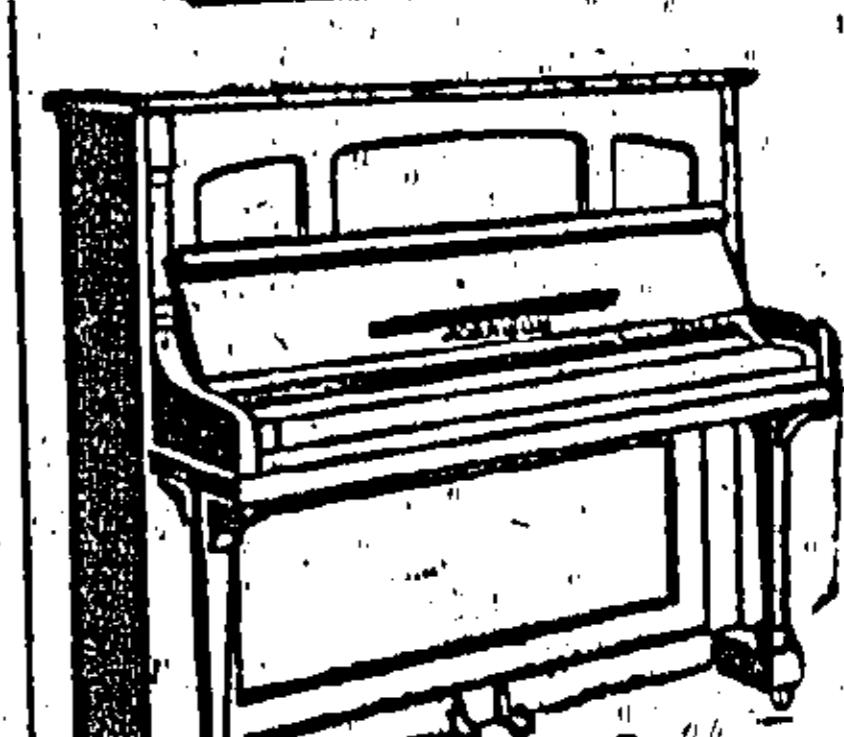
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

**ORDERS FOR THE COMING
WEEK.**

No. 309. Hongkong Volunteer De-
fence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel
L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, Dec. 23 1927.

1. Musketry.

Sunday, 8th January, 1928. Re-
serve Company and Casuals will fire
Part II, Table T, at Stonecutters
Range; full details will be published
later.

2. Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have
not yet fired Part II. Lists of names
are posted on Corps Notice Boards.
All such will make arrangements to
fire by Sunday, 29th January, 1928,
the last day on which Part II. will
be fired.

3. Peak Range.

Applications for use of the Peak
Range for the 1st six months of 1928
should be submitted to the Adjutant
immediately.

4. M. G. Competition.

Serial Spradbury's team of the
Mobile Section of the Armoured Car
Company wins the M. G. trophy, to be
held for one year with a total score
of 45 points. The Commandant
offers his congratulations on the fine
drill and shooting of his team.

Scores of other teams are posted
on Headquarters notice boards.

Results of Field Firing trophy will
be worked out as soon as correct
camp strengths are submitted by unit
commanders.

5. Corps Signals.

Parade for Camp Pay at 5.30 p.m.
on Thursday, 29th December at Corps
Headquarters.

6. Artillery Company.

No parade will be held at Corps
Headquarters on Thursday, 29th Decem-
ber, 1927.

Thursday, 5th January, 1928.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.35
p.m. for Battery Drill.

7. Promotions.

The following promotions take
effect from the 14th December, 1927.
Artillery Company, No. 565 A/Bdr.
M. H. Wallace to be Bombardier, No.
1 Platoon, No. 1975 Pte. J. F.
Wright to be Corporal.

8. Leave.

The following are granted leave of
absence from the Corps:—
No. 833 Spt. K. S. Robertson, En-
gineer Co., from 1.12.28 to 31.10.28.
No. 511 Pte. O. Eager, Reserve Co.,
from 1.12.28 to 31.12.28.

9. Long Service Medal.

His Excellency the Governor has
awarded the Colonial Auxiliary
Forces Long Service Medal to No.
224 Lance Sergeant J. C. Fletcher of
the Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C.,
on 16. 12. 27.

10. Struck off the Strength.

Having left the Colony, as from
1. 12. 27. No. 668 Pte. T. Low, No.
7 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service,
as from 19. 12. 27. No. 503

Pte. W. Hill, Reserve Company.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR

ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

Notice.

The Commandant wishes all ranks
of the Corps a Happy Christmas and
prosperous New Year.

After Order.

1. Musketry: Stonecutters Range
is allotted as follows:—

Sunday, 8th January, 1928. Reserve
Company and Casuals.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thorn-
hill.

Sunday, 15th January, 1928. Corps
Signals, Portuguese Company, and
Casuals.

Range Officers: Lieut. M. G. Noll
and 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M. C.

Sunday, 22nd January, 1928: Armo-
ured Car Company, Infantry
Company and Casuals.

Range Officer: Captain K. S.

Morrison and 2/Lieut. R. S. Logan.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR

ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

Hongkong, 23. 12. 27.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

**CHRISTIE AND BLUHM ON
NEW CHARGE.**

Before Major C. Willson yester-
day afternoon, J. Christie and C.
Bluham were charged jointly with
conspiracy to defraud money from
the Chinese police reservist, Au
Yeung Kin Heng.

The whole of the evidence
which, at the trial of the two de-
fendants before Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell, on a different charge
failed, will have to be recalled by
the prosecution.

Yesterday afternoon, the Chin-
ese police reservist occupied the
whole time of the court when he
related once again how he was in-
troduced to Haynes, and from
Haynes to Christie and also the
nature of the conversations which
took place on his several visits to
Christie's office.

The case was adjourned.

CRUEL MURDER.

**OLD WOMAN KILLED BY
TWO ROBBERS.**

An armed robbery, perpetrated on
Wednesday night by two robbers,
a man and a woman, at the Sal-
wan district, at Cheung Chow,
New Territory, resulted in one of
the inmates of the house being
murdered.

According to the vernacular
press, the house visited by the robbers
was non-numbered and was
occupied by an elderly Chinese woman,
a widow, aged 76, and her grand-daughter.
This girl alleged that she was sleeping
with her grandmother inside
the room when at about 7.30 the noise made by the
robbers when they entered the
house woke up her grandmother.
The old woman ventured out to
investigate and was roughly handled
by the robbers. When the girl went out to the front part of
the house, following her grandmother,
she found that one of the robbers
was strangling her.

The woman pleaded with the rob-
ber not to treat her so cruelly,
adding that if they were after money they could take
away anything they liked from the
house. The robber then warned the
woman not to shout so loud, but she kept on making a noise.

Unable to give her grandmother
any assistance, the girl re-entered
the bedroom and found that the
female robber was ransacking the
room. Eventually the girl succeeded
in eluding the thieves and slipped out, going to a neighbour-
ing house when she gave the alarm.
As no one responded to the
alarm, she and the neighbour
returned to the house to find that her grandmother
was dead. By her side was a knife believed to have been left
behind by the robbers.

The girl added that both robbers
had painted their faces black.
The house was in the most dis-
orderly condition, but at the moment
the girl could not make out what had been stolen by the
robbers. The girl reported the crime
to the Tai O Police yesterday morning
at 5 o'clock.

THE NEW AIRSHIP.

**AIR-WORTHINESS BEING
INVESTIGATED.**

London, Dec. 22.

Questioned in Parliament re-
garding the airship Re.100, now
under construction privately for
the Government, Sir Philip
Sassoon, Under-Secretary for
Air, said it did not appear
likely that the total fuel weight of the airship, including
the passenger car and fittings,
would exceed the contract figure
of 90 tons.

Two scientists who were investigating the air-worthiness of
the two airships now being built
could not complete their investigation
of the Re. 100 for some months,
but so far it appeared that the factors of safety laid
down in the report of the airship panel
had been fully adhered to.

Sir Alan Cobham's Plane.

Answering a question regarding
the damage done to Sir Alan Cob-
ham's seaplane at Malta, during the
proposed round-African flight,

Sir Philip Sassoon said that a pair
of wing tip floats were carried away
by the swell during the landing
and the port elevator and lower
portion of the plane were damaged
by the heavy sea whilst the
machine was being beached. These
parts are being renewed with as
little delay as possible.

Replies to another question
Sir Philip Sassoon said that seven
high-speed aircraft were being
built this year and six of these
were made available for the
Schneider Trophy. They were
constructed for the purpose of
carrying out an important programme
of research into the problems of
high-speed flight. Valuable data bearing on the problem
of improvement in the speed of
aircraft had already been secured
with these machines.—British
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BETTING EVIL.

**CABINET TO CONSIDER
QUESTION.**

London, Dec. 22.

An undertaking that the Cabinet
would consider the whole question of
greyhound racing was given last night
by Sir William Joynson Hicks, who
received a deputation on this subject,
representing three political parties,
and introduced by Mr. John Thomas,
Labourite. The Deputation laid
before the Home Secretary the anxiety
felt regarding the growth of betting,
particularly among youths which took
place on dog races. Mr. Joynson
Hicks said he shared the deputation's
anxiety concerning the effects of the
enormous extension of the new sport,
but the Government had to be fully
satisfied as to its evil results before
interfering.



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Regarding juvenile betting he had,
however, directed an investigation as
to the Home Secretary's powers to deal with it. If legislation was necessary
he

CHINA PROBLEMS.

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things. A few days ago the China Committee, which was in alliance with their Association, expressed some of its views in *The Times*, and so important were the points upon which they felt keenly that he should like to refer to them again specifically. They were well aware, of course, of the difficulties of the constructive policy. They desired to give adhesion to the principle of Nationalism in China, but until this Nationalism was able to furnish more evidence of constructive and administrative capacity they felt that the safeguards under which British trade had been hitherto constructed ought not to be further weakened. (Applause.)

Maintain the Concessions.

They held that the surrender of the British Concession at Hankow had been extremely harmful to British commercial interests there—(Hear, hear)—and in the Yangtze Valley. They held that safeguards represented by the other British Concessions ought for the time being to be maintained. (Applause.) They were strong of the opinion that negotiations for radical changes in the British Concession at Tientsin ought not to be conducted. (Hear, hear.) They were advised and believed that abandonment of existing safeguards and rights was more dangerous to British trade than a boycott; dangerous as that had proved itself to be, and further they held that both British property and British merchants in China were entitled to protection, that the present position of the ex-British Concession at Hankow was a menace to both, and that the only way to remove the menace was for His Majesty's Government to administer that former Concession until such time as the Chinese were able and willing to give effect to the Chen-O'Malley Agreement. (Applause.)

Thanks To Navy.

Having said so much he desired to express on their behalf to His Majesty's Government their grateful thanks for the timely aid which had been accorded by the Navy (applause)—under the command of "his friend, Admiral Tyrwhitt, who was with them on the occasion of their last annual dinner, and he mentioned in that connexion the present night of the noble Earl on his left, who occupied the exacting position of Civil Lord of the Admiralty. They were also thankful for the despatch of that first-rate fighting force which had been sent by His Majesty's Government to Shanghai. (Applause.) The most important place in their eyes, the spiritual home in the Far East of many who were present that evening. (Laughter.) They should never look too close at a simile; they are often entitled not to be seen. (Laughter.) They had now arrived at the point where he desired to say a word with regard to the China question. Some of their friends, both at home and abroad—more perhaps of the latter than of the former—were disposed to wonder whether it would not be possible to bring some more effective pressure to bear upon the counsels of His Majesty's Government. (Hear, hear.)

The Opposition.

They did not know as much about these things, he believed, as his noble friend, and even other statesmen. He had heard, and listened to appeals to pay a visit to the Opposition, whatever it might be, but the position was one which he could not recall. There was no great and vigorous opposition of an official character prepared to take up any case against the Government for the time being, presumably because it was the Opposition's duty to oppose. Then again, they had been told that surely this was the time when they ought to pray for something in the nature of the old statecraft; could it not be possible to find another Lord Palmerston? There was a great deal more to be said than that. Lord Palmerston, curiously enough, had a friend with China himself, and dealt with it in true Palmerstonian fashion. Having dealt his blow, he immediately forced a general election on the country, and won it, as he said he would, hands down. That was evidence of vigour, but there was more behind it. While he was engaged in settling the China question of the day and winning his election in this country, the people here, throughout the length and breadth of the land, were paralysed by the horrors of the Indian Mutiny.

In thanking Lord Peel for his presence, the Chairman concluded by saying that if Lord Peel would think of Lord Palmerston he was quite sure they would have a friend of their cause in China. (Applause.)

CANTON PUZZLE.

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it is thought, be a conspicuous one. Whether he will join hands with the "Leftists" remains to be seen, but according to current reports Chiang is ambitious and cannot see why the "Kwangsi Clique," which has already been rather powerful, should add Kwangtung to their territory. One report says the great desire of the Nanking Nationalist politicians and the Kwangsi militarists is to isolate both Chiang Kai-shek and the "Leftists." The latter alone would never be able to hold Canton without forming an alliance with some party in the Kuomintang, and the view held in some quarters is that Chiang may be their choice. If the Kwangtungites can succeed in frustrating the alliance of any other party with the "Leftists," then the outcome may be that Canton will be re-captured by the soldiers of Li Chai-sun and Wang Shao-hung without much fighting, and this is what the Canton merchants and probably all classes of people most desire.

HONGKONG ISLAMIC UNION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Islamic Union took place recently. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr. U. Ramjahn, the chair was occupied by Mr. S. Ackber. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Juman Ali, read the notice convening the meeting, after which Mr. Ackber reviewed the activities of the Society at some length and mentioned the various improvements that had been made in the Mahomedan Mosque and Cemetery. He mentioned that through the "great trouble" which Mr. Sepher, the Hon. Treasurer, took in the collection of subscriptions, the Society is now in a fairly good financial position. He thanked Khan Sahib Nawab Khan, of the Indian Moslem Society, for the valuable services he had rendered in connexion with the improvements in the Cemetery.

Mr. Ackber then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. S. A. Hamid seconded, and the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mr. Ackber tendered his resignation as a Trustee of the Mosque and Guardian of the Cemetery, and Mr. Sepher was elected in his place.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Mr. U. Ramjahn (Chairman), Mr. S. Sepher (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Juman Ali (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. J. M. Dyer, O. Madar, A. A. Samy, S. Ackber, and Abdul Karim.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. A. Rahmin and seconded by Mr. D. Rumjahn.

WALKING ON DIAMONDS.

WHALE SURPRISE.

"EXTINCT" SPECIES FOUND.

New York.—A small man with ridiculously large feet disembarked recently at New York. He was Florent Lamot, second electrician aboard the liner Lapland.

As he handed his landing card to the immigration officer, a Customs inspector caught sight of his queer feet. The inspector followed Lamot, who walked, apparently aimlessly, through the streets of New York.

"All the time the inspector, an enthusiastic admirer of Charlie Chaplin, was studying the feet and gait of the electrician. Finally, he tapped him on the shoulder and escorted him to the Customs House, where other inspectors also evinced an impulsive curiosity regarding the visitors feet.

Smuggling Conspiracy.

The officials removed his boots and found the feet to be quite normal, but the boots were enormous. In the toes and heels were diamonds—worth altogether £20,000.

The inspectors thought that the electrician might be a human switch in an international diamond smuggling conspiracy which, for several months, has absorbed their attention.

With the aid of clues already in their possession they promptly arrested five other persons—four men and a woman.

The prisoners were arraigned, and so important did the evidence seem to be to the Commissioner of Customs that he refused to release them unless they provided bail of £15,000. Lamot's bail alone was fixed at £20,000, and he did not produce it. Neither did the others produce their bail, ranging from £5,000 to £10,000 each.

Gems Worth £10,000,000.

Customs agents say that the diamond market has been deranged in this country for a year past by smuggling. They place the amount of smuggled diamonds at £10,000,000. The headquarters of the smugglers, according to them, is in Amsterdam, whose customers in New York pay 8 per cent. of the value of the diamonds to the smugglers, thus saving the 12 per cent. duty.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

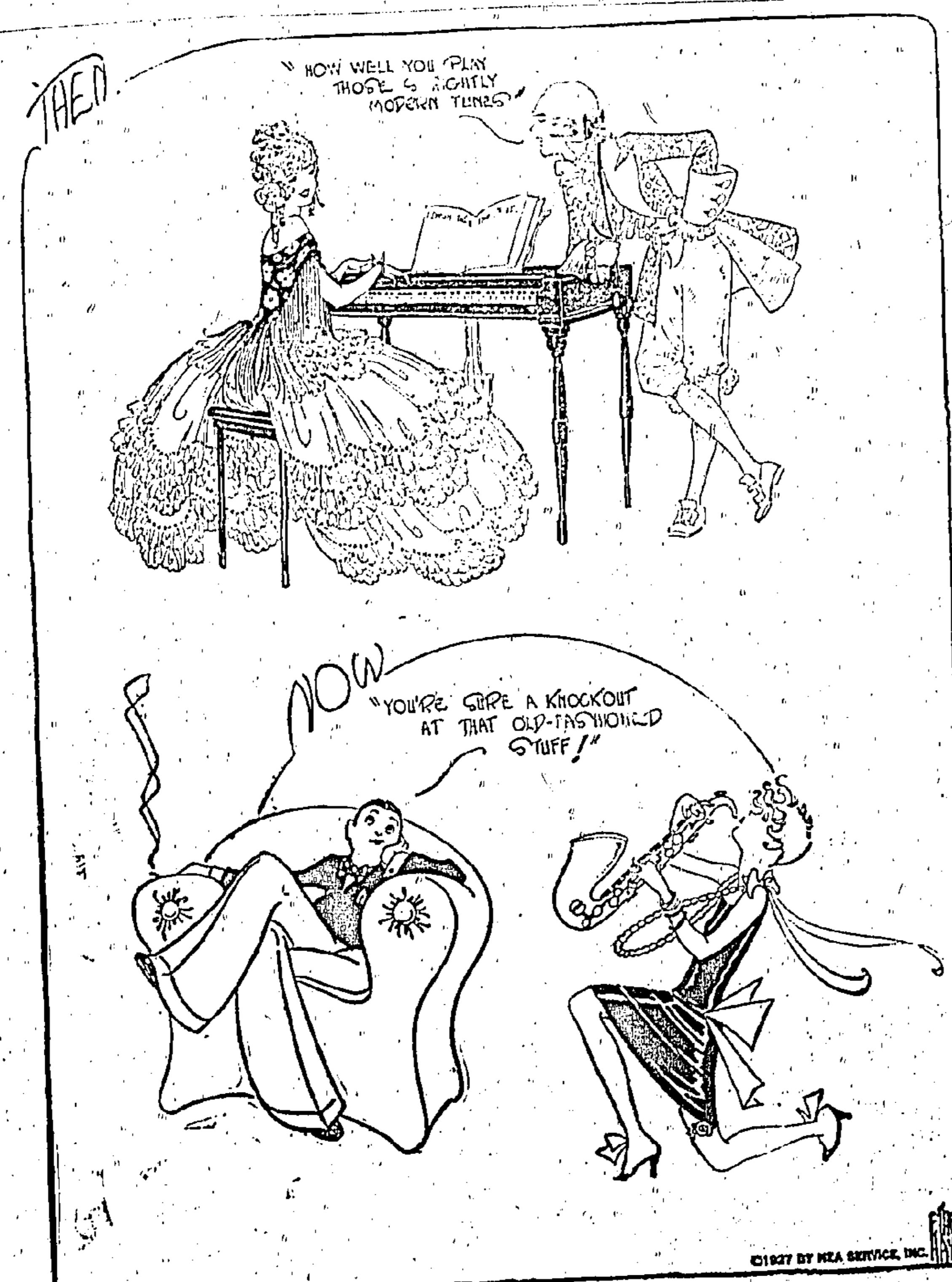
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DAY BY DAY.

Mr. W. J. Chilimaid, the wireless operator of s.s. Taishan, sails for Home to-morrow by s.s. Kashgar, he having been relieved by Mr. E. Burne. It is understood that Mr. Chilimaid will return to the Far East on conclusion of his well-earned leave.

During the Winter Solstice celebrations at No. 335, Reclamation Street, Mongkok, shortly before noon to-day, a quantity of miscellaneous goods stored on the verandah, caught fire while crackers were being discharged and joss paper burned. There was little damage caused, the fire being extinguished almost immediately after its outbreak.

An unusual and interesting feature of the Dairy Farm's Xmas display this year is the show of their own Farm Fed veal and pork, slaughtered and dressed in the approved London style by members of their European butchery staff. The carcasses of veal are specially skinned, the brightly hued hides forming a very effective draping. The display is right up to home-style custom, and judging by the number of turkeys, etc., on view Hongkong is going to do itself well this Christmas.



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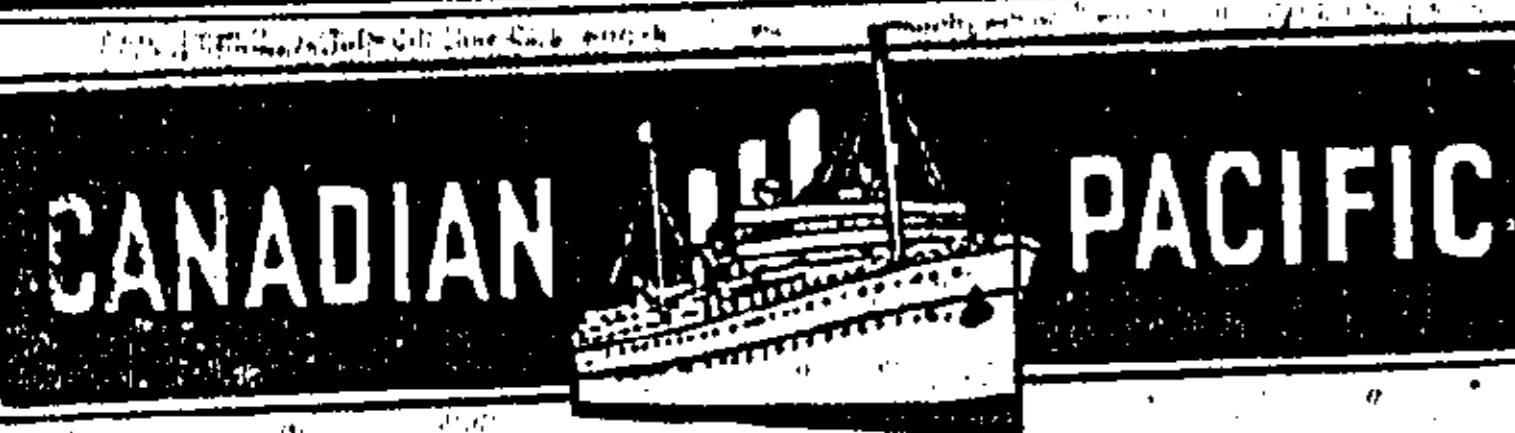
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Chicago, Nov. 18.—Mile for mile, flying has become the safest means of transportation. A survey conducted by an air transport company shows that there are so few fatalities on European routes that the insurance rates on air traffic are now lower than on surface transportation. The Imperial Airways, Ltd., have carried 76,000 passengers 4,000,000 miles in seven years with only four deaths. In 1925 and 1926, this concern covered 1,853,000 miles without any fatalities at all. The risk is somewhat higher in the United States. From 1918 to 1922 there was one death for every 128,800 miles flown. By 1926, so many improvements had been made that only one life was lost for every 2,292,273 miles covered. Air mail pilots in the same year flew 2,086,395 miles with the loss of only two men.



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MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

TRIAL OF THE INDIAN CHAUFFEUR.

Further evidence was given before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in the case in which Sandi Khan a chauffeur, is being tried for manslaughter, following the death of a woman after being knocked down at West Point, it is alleged, by a car driven by the prisoner. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, jnr., is defending.

Prisoner's Defence.

The afternoon session was devoted to listening to the case for prisoner.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, in opening his defence, referred to the fact that the prisoner bore a good character and was a careful driver. After speaking of the incidents surrounding the mishap, he submitted that it was an accident pure and simple.

In giving evidence the prisoner said he bore a good character and had good references from his employers. He spoke of picking up an Indian constable and an Indian watchman by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's wharf, near the Harbour Office, on the night in question, after which he drove in the direction of the Wing Lok Street wharf. They left the wharf near the Harbour Office a few minutes before Connought Road at nine o'clock.

When travelling along the road between the two wharves his speed was 14-15 miles an hour, but after passing Wing Lok Street wharf he increased his speed to 19 or 20 miles an hour, as the road is much wider at this spot and there was very little traffic and few pedestrians.

Dimmed Headlights.

As he approached the Cheung Chau wharf where the Aberdeen buses usually parked, his attention was attracted to a car approaching him with headlights fully on. As the two vehicles approached the other car dimmed headlights and witness followed suit and also sounded his horn. After passing the car prisoner switched on the headlights of his car and noticed a man and a woman walking in front of him with their hands clasped. He again sounded his horn and applied his foot brake, but his foot slipped off the brake. Of the two persons one was pulling to the right and the other to the left. At that time he was under the impression that the couple would go to the right; so he swerved to the left and in doing so the car struck the woman.

After hitting the woman he lost his head and came to a stop near a lamp post. A crowd of Chinese gathered and threatened to assault him, and the Indian constable in the car told prisoner to drive on, otherwise the Chinese would kill him (prisoner). He then sounded his horn and drove on.

Prisoner continued that he told the Indian constable that he wanted to stop.

The case was adjourned until to-day.

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ed to go to the police station, but the latter replied that he had better take the car to the garage first. This he did and was ready to go to the police station when an Inspector arrived.

Previous Offences.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy prisoner said he was at present employed to drive for Mr. C. Bernard Brown, chartered accountant, of Messrs. Linstead and Davis. Prisoner admitted that about a month ago he had had some drinks, but stated that he was not absolutely drunk. He denied that Mr. Brown threatened to discharge him if it happened again. What Mr. Brown did was to tell him on the following day that if it occurred again he would fine him five dollars.

Prisoner admitted that in 1925 he was cautioned for recklessness driving by the C.S.P. At that time he was driving for Mr. Arnold, Secretary of the Macao Steamboat Company. Mr. Arnold knew of that caution, but he received a good testimonial. Prisoner also admitted being fined \$10 for negligence driving in Connought Road in August this year.

The prisoner went on to speak of picking Mr. Brown up outside the Hongkong Club on the night in question. Mr. Brown himself drove the car to Jardine's Corner, where he lived. They arrived there at about ten minutes past eight. Prisoner said he could have had the car in the garage by 8.25 if he had driven fast. He had no permission to have the car on Connought Road at nine o'clock.

Mr. Fitzroy drew the attention of the prisoner to various statements given by witnesses at the Central Magistracy which conflicted in parts with his own. Prisoner said that the witnesses' statements were not true where they differed from his own.

At the time of the accident he was travelling at 19 or 20 miles an hour. Although four people were knocked down he only knew of knocking two down.

Counsel's Suggestion.

Mr. Fitzroy asked prisoner why he had not said anything about an approaching car when he made a statement in answer to the charge. Prisoner replied that he did not know he was going to be asked about it.

Mr. Fitzroy suggested that there was really no car, that it was an afterthought to help to get him out of the trouble. Prisoner asserted that there was a car approaching him.

Mr. Fitzroy: Is it not true that you were going so fast that you could not have pulled up in a reasonable distance?—If my foot had not slipped off the brake I would have saved her. After she was knocked down I applied both the foot brake and the hand brake. The case was adjourned until to-day.

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COUNCIL MEETING.

FOUR BILLS PASS ALL STAGES.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided over a meeting of the Legislative Council held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. There were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney General).

Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow.

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. D. M. G. Bernard.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Mr. D. W. Tratman (Clerk of Councils).

Sessional Paper.

The Colonial Secretary laid upon the table, among other papers, a report on the Aberdeen Valley catchment area development.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton asked whether this paper was the sessional paper for which they had been waiting, or whether there would be a further sessional paper.

H.E. the Governor: There will be a still further sessional paper later on.

Bills Passed.

The following Bills passed all remaining stages without amendment and became law:

An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses.

An Ordinance to amend the Prisoners' Ordinance, 1899.

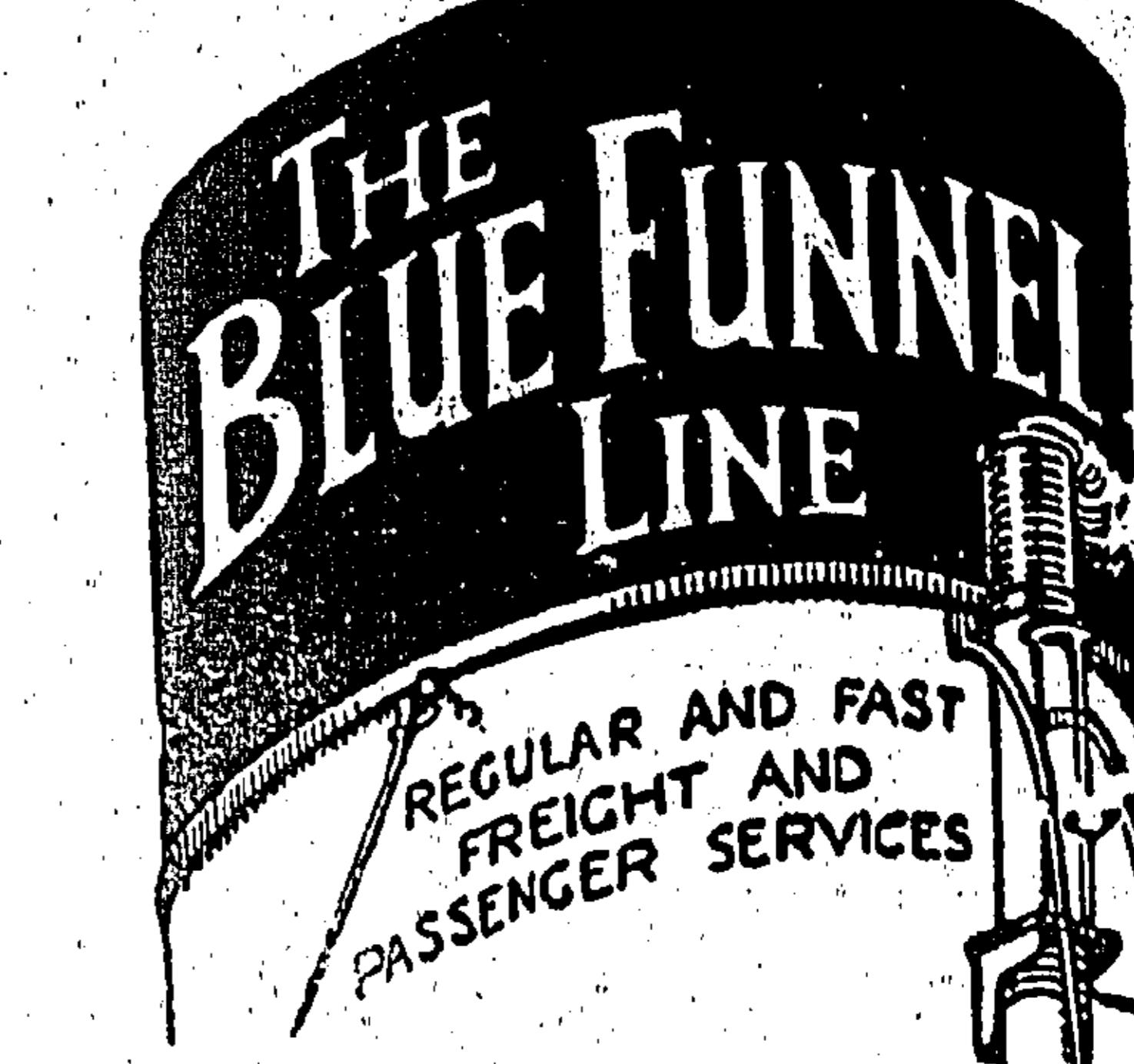
An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

Council Adjourns.

H.E. the Governor: We now approach the end of the year, and it will be convenient, I think, to have one more meeting of the Council before the year closes, and as the business is mainly financial it will be advisable to have the Finance Committee before the Council meeting. I propose, if it suits your convenience, that the meeting should be on Friday, December 30, at 2.30 p.m.

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KING'S SPEECH.

NAVAL CONFERENCE COMMENTED ON.

London, Dec. 22.

Parliament has been prorogued until February 7.

The King's speech at the prorogation of Parliament dwells with satisfaction on the enthusiastic reception given to the Prince of Wales and Prince George in Canada, and to the Duke and Duchess of York in Australasia and elsewhere. Also on M. Doumergue's visit to London last summer. "It afforded the people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France."

The frank and friendly Anglo-Egyptian conversations on the occasion of the visit of King Fuad were "a good augury for the future."

The British proposals at the Geneva Naval Conference would, if accepted substantially, have reduced naval strengths and costs, but despite the temporary failure Britain does not intend embarking on an increase in her naval building programme, which is based on a considered view of the defensive needs of the Empire.

The speech dwells on the great value of the recent inter-Imperial Conference in London and earnestly trusts that from the labours of the Indian Statutory Commission a system of Government may emerge giving contentment to the peoples of India and strengthening the bonds that unite the Empire.

It adverts to the Anglo-Iraq treaty and notes with satisfaction the debt funding agreements signed in respect of all allied war debts to Britain, except that of Russia.

The state of employment, though showing welcome signs of improvement in some parts of the country, still causes anxiety in others.

It confidently anticipates co-operation both at home and overseas in the work of the Board which has been appointed to facilitate the transfer of labour, particularly in the coal mining industry.—Reuter.

THE DRUG TRAFFIC.

INTERNATIONAL GANG TRACED.

Berlin, Dec. 22.
Three persons suspected of being members of a big international drug smuggling organisation have been traced with the aid of documents and codes seized in Berlin last October. As the result of co-operation between the German police and the British authorities in Far East seizures, there followed the arrest of a Russian in Shanghai on a charge of disposing of smuggled drugs in the Far East and of his wife in Berlin on a charge of purchasing and arranging transport of the drugs. The correspondence contained the names of persons through whom the drugs were apparently procured. Two men mentioned therein have been arrested in Switzerland, and another at Strasbourg, while proceedings have been begun against three factories in Switzerland, one in South Germany and one in France for participating in the illegal drug traffic.—Reuter.

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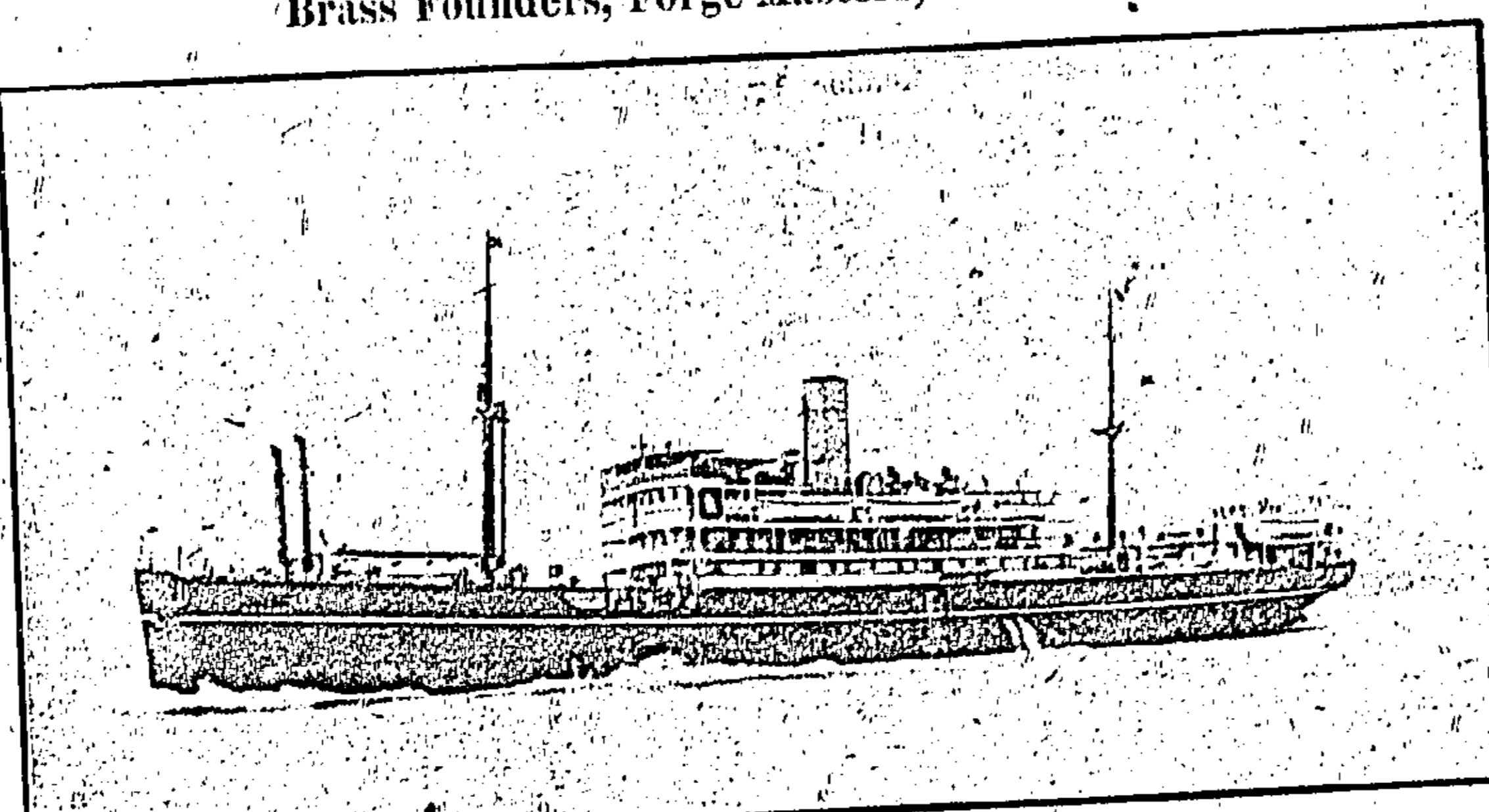
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"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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DELTA	8,097	1st Jan. 1928	Shanghai, Moji & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
SANTHIA	7,754	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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GREYHOUNDS FOR SHANGHAI.

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PROSPERITY OF THE SOUDAN.**GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE NATIVES.****BENEFITS OF DAM SCHEME.**

London, Dec. 22.

The annual report on the administration of the Soudan, which is published to-day, states that the completion of the Sennar dam, which was officially opened in January last year, marked a new era in the development of the Soudan.

Thanks to favourable conditions and goodwill and good work on the part of all concerned, the first year's results from the cultivation of cotton on a large scale were highly satisfactory and the benefits predicted have been fully realised. Labour had presented no difficulty and the general well-being of the natives in the thickly-populated Gezira area is manifested. Cultivation and production have been quickened by science to the vast advantage of the natives, but there has been no upheaval of the social system. In a country where the people have had to rely for their sustenance on capricious rainfall, a guarantee of freedom from menace of famine is the richest of blessings. Some 50,000 acres of irrigated land were sown with grain and there the harvest made a doubly welcome addition to the food supply in lean years.

The direct and indirect financial results of the cultivation season covered by the report were thoroughly satisfactory. There was small actual surplus on the year's working, but the indirect results were even more important, and report pointed out that account must be taken of the additional revenue earned by the Government from the extra railway traffic, export and import duties, and traders' tax on the Syndicate's profits. The additional net revenue accrued in this way probably amounted to at least 150,000 Egyptian pounds. It is added that the Gezira project in 1926 was an important factor in saving, the Government from what would have been very costly and difficult problem in relieving the famine which otherwise would have occurred.

As regards the future, many changes are in sight. For the current season the area under cotton has been increased from 80,000 to 100,000 feddans. As regards the more distant future, the Government has concluded an agreement with the syndicate to extend the concession area from 300,000 to 465,000 feddans and ultimately to increase the Government share to forty per cent.—British Wireless.

PENINSULA HOTEL THEFTS.**COOLIE SENT TO PRISON.**

A conviction was registered against the Telephone Company's coolie who was charged on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, before larceny of a quantity of wire from the Peninsula Hotel.

His Worship, addressing the defendant, said it was not proved that he actually cut the wires, but he had admitted himself that he was carrying it without any orders or permission. He stated that it was the first time that he had done such a thing without orders from his superior.

The inference, continued his Worship, was that he was about to dispose of the wire for his own purposes. He would therefore be convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

FRENCH TARIFF ON OILS.**PROTECTION FOR FRENCH PRODUCERS.**

Paris, Dec. 22.—A Government measure for revising the tariff on oils has been issued and it provides for protection to the extent of 39.98 francs per metric quintal of crude oil for French producers and 18.80 francs per 100 kilogrammes of medium crude oil for French refiners.—Reuters.

SHANGHAI TRAMS.**DEPLETED SERVICE CONTINUES.**

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—A depleted tramway service, with a strong escort accompanying each car, is being maintained without untoward incident, but the negotiations for settlement of the strike have made no progress.—Natal Wireless.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

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